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Pat Barnes

Thousands Turn Out For the Lambda Freedom Fair

by Stacy Selmants

After five tries, Sacramento's 6th Lambda Freedom Fair finally achieved the mood and ambiance of a very large, very diverse, very safe family picnic.

The Freedom Fair Committee, and the participants managed to combine entertainment, unity, political action, pride and fundraising into a day-long event that drew a large, well-behaved crowd of over 7000 and provided something for everyone. The recurring refrain heard at the

booths, by the stage, in the audience, and even in the oddly festive lines for the bathrooms was, "This is the best Fair we've ever had."

The Freedom Fair Fun Run and Bike started the day off with a few athletic gays and lesbians working up a sweat in

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Steven Doerr enjoys the Fair at McKinley Park.

Vancouver Bound

by Kate Moore

Brent Nicholson-Earle ran through Sacramento June 13, on his Rainbow Run to End AIDS.

The purpose of his 1,000 mile run from San Francisco to the Gay Games in Vancouver is to bring attention to the AIDS epidemic.

The long distance run has been dedicated to the founder of the Gay Games, Tom Waddell, and artist Keith Haring, both who have died of AIDS. "This run is dedicated to the many friends that I have lost to AIDS" said Nicholson-Earle, and "I am carrying the rainbow flag from the sight of the first Gay Games, to the Games in Vancouver for all of the men and women who have died and will not be able to participate in 'Celebration '90'"

Reflecting on himself Nic-



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Brent Nicholson-Earle.

holson-Earle said "As a man who is HIV+, this run proves to me that I can continue to beat this disease."

This run is not the first for Nicholson-Earle. In 1987 he led over 300 men and women through Washington D.C. as a part of the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights which coincided with his run across the United

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FBI Saves Gays

by Tom Flint

Hours before a pipe bomb was scheduled to be detonated in the largest Gay dance club in Seattle, FBI agents arrested three members of the Ayran Nation in an aborted terrorist action.

Robert Winslow, 29, of Laclede, Idaho, and Stephen Nelson, 35, of Hayden Lake, Idaho, were arrested on Satur-

day, May 12 at 6 p.m., as they emerged from a van parked at a hotel in Sea-Tac, a township 15 miles south of Seattle. The third man, Proctor Baker, 57, of Coeur d'Alene as a co-conspirator in the bomb plot.


The gay community was only the first target of the planned action: next on the list were a Jewish synagogue, a restaurant where Blacks gather in Tacoma, and a Korean restaurant.

The FBI had been monitoring the activities of Winslow and Nelson through electronic surveillance since February '90. "Beginning in February 1990, FBI agents in Idaho learned that Winslow and

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!!! really I MUST SAY!

Pass the Matches

What is all this nonsense about flag burning? I fear that a number of our elected officials have finally gone around the bend and forgotten the document that the laws of this country are based upon. Our country, the United States of America, was founded by people seeking freedom: freedom to practice their chosen religions, freedom to express their political beliefs, freedom to live without fear of government persecution. This freedom as outlined in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution allows U.S. citizens the right to express their views -- both popular and unpopular -- of the government without fear of retribution. Many politicians now wish to rescind this freedom with a new amendment to the constitution outlawing burning of the United States flag. Burning the flag, the official symbol of the United States, is seen by these right-wing legislators as the ultimate, most radical criticism of the country's government. And criticism of the government is in essence criticism of its elected officials. And those in office who want to stay there are desperate to placate their constituents and to convince them that there is no need for change, an effort they do not wish to have undone by a bunch of fiery liberals. Thus the legislators have leapt at the opportunity presented by the flag burning amendment. And why not? At once they will be able to limit our freedom and control government criticism while appearing to staunchly support the God, Mom, and apple pie contingent. Wake up America! These guys don't give a damn about the flag which represents our freedom. It's the flag that represents their high-paying jobs and control over our lives that they are fighting for. 

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Smoking Kills More Gays and Lesbians

Editor,

Believe it or not, there is a bigger killer of gay men and lesbians than AIDS. And yet no one seems to be addressing this issue. What is this killer? Tobacco. Over a million people died of tobacco related diseases last year, whereas just over 70,000 people died of AIDS. I do however request that we spend as much energy, if not more, on this more deadly problem. Even if only 10% of all tobacco deaths are Gay deaths it is still more than people who have died of AIDS.

ACT UP protests the Catholic Church, medical pharmaceutical companies and initiates other forms of action calling attention to the number of people who have died of AIDS and who are living with AIDS. However, it seems very strange to me to see AIDS activists handing out condoms with one hand with a cigarette in the other. Should we also be picketing tobacco stores and taking other actions to call attention to this other deadly problem?

Sincerely,
Gary Miller

The AIDS Quilt Touches the Capitol

Editor,

Wherever the National AIDS Quilt is unfolded, people view firsthand the human tragedy behind the statistics. Its power to personalize a global pandemic can never be underestimated. Indeed, its recent showing in Sacramento may have had more impact than many realize.

Although Californians suffer the unpleasant distinction of coping with two of the world's major epicenters of HIV disease - San Francisco and Los Angeles, now suburban and rural California communities must decide how they will handle over 56 percent of the state's growing AIDS cases. Still, the Quilt has never before been brought to the very doorstep of our state's public policy decision-

makers. The Aid to AIDS organization must, therefore be lauded for finally ensuring our elected officials appreciate not only the tremendous scope of our present grief, but the dire need for a more expansive and coordinated program.

While Mayor Rudin joined us, those who did view the Quilt will be quick to note that few if any state legislators actually walked into Sacramento's Community Center to pay tribute to our dead. Be assured, however, that several of their key staff people did; and often, it is these individuals who shape and pilot legislation through our government's bureaucracy. Upon their return to the Capitol, it was clear our message was heard.

For this, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Chris Chilton, who chaired the committee that organized the entire event. I also want to publicly recognize the work of the hundreds of volunteers who contributed their time and talent. Stan Hadden of Senator Roberti's office was also instrumental in shepherding his colleagues to this public display.

Mounting statistics and passionate pleas from recognized medical experts are often ignored in the halls of the Capitol. It is the eloquence and grandeur of the Quilt that may ultimately have the most impact.

Sincerely,
Art McDermott,
Executive Director,
California Association of
AIDS Agencies

Womyn Too Macho for This One

Editor,

I was appalled to read your coverage of the 1990 womyn's weekend at the Russian River.

Never before have I seen such blatant disrespect for womyn, by of all things, other womyn.

If this party-time exploitation is Ms. Selmants idea of a good time, then I know I will never attend one of these disgusting events.

Womyn, think about it, if we look at each others bodies as merely "wet T-shirts" then

what makes us different from the disgusting macho men that degrade us in pornographic magazines?

I try to keep an open mind, but as I read this, I could only feel the embarrassment of the women on the stage.

As a lesbian, I love womyn. But as a womyn, I respect the power and pride of my gender.

Signed,
Debbie Imbenmann

Outing Local Gay Leaders First

Editor,

This entire gay community is a closeted mess.

Fear of this, fear of that. Get over it and take control of your own lives.

Even some of the "leaders" of the gay community here are in the closet.

Instead of "Outing" politicians, I say it is time to "out" our leaders.

D. Sanderburg

Good Work, ISSUE!

Editor,

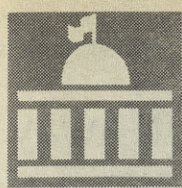
On the first anniversary of the latest ISSUE, let me congratulate you and your staff for a year of outstanding public service. Your newspaper has added a new and refreshing dimension to our community, and River City Metropolitan Community Church is proud to be associated with your organization.

May your second year exceed your expectations!

Sincerely,
Reverend Elder Freda Smith,
Pastor River City M.C.C.

LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.



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AROUND TOWN

Sheldon Brings Cemetery to Capitol



SACAOR protesting Sheldon's anti-abortion stand.

by Leona Oshman

A symbolic cemetery was erected on the steps of the State Capitol last Tuesday to serve as a backdrop for a prayer gathering and anti-abortion protest by the Traditional Values Coalition.

The philosophical display was also sponsored by the National Right to Life, American Coalition for Life and

Christian Action Council Ministries.

The cemetery prayer gathering drew a dozen anti-Shel-

don activists, which included ACT-UP Sacramento, and Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue members. The protest action remained peaceful as ACT-UP carried signs of "Lou, Go Home" and "ACT-UP, Fight Back, Fight AIDS", while SAC-OR performed a mock-funeral for women who have died from illegal, unsafe abortions.

The purpose for placing the crosses on the Capitol lawn was "To send a message that life begins at conception," Lou Sheldon leader of the Traditional Values Coalition, said regarding the event.

The subdued respectful tone was a divergence from what many have come to expect from these organizations. On the lawn, sprinkled amongst the rows of white



Crosses on the Capitol lawn.

crosses were occasional stars of David. "We are a pluralistic society," Sheldon explained. "I would assume that one day soon we would include a Moslem symbol out there as well."

Workshops at WCIC

by Marlow Thomas

Project Survival is sponsoring a series of educational AIDS workshops focused on the specific needs and concerns of African American gay and bi-sexual men.

Forum topics range from examining, testing issues, Hot and Horny Workshops and film premieres. Each session is facilitated by informed, and often controversial AIDS activists.

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the latest ISSUE and MGW Finalists

Local Newspaper's "Best in Nation"

The 1989 GLPA (Gay and Lesbian Press Association) award winners were announced on May 19 with Sacramento's newsmagazine, *the latest ISSUE* and local newspaper *Mom...Guess What* placing high among the finalists.

The announcement came as the staff of *the latest ISSUE* and supporters celebrated at the first anniversary party. "It is amazing that a first year publication placed so high in the publication categories" said Randy Curry, Executive Director of the GLPA. "You should be very proud."

In the categories for publications, *the latest ISSUE* placed in the top three in Local News Reporting, Overall Design and Photojournalism. *Mom...Guess What* placed in the top 5 in National News Reporting, and Editorial/Commentary Writing.

"Placing in the top three out of over 60 gay news pap-

ers from across the country is something we have worked very hard for," said Kevin Cohee of the latest ISSUE.

Another local finalist, in the Individual Health coverage category was Stephan Pardi, a writer for the *Sentinel*.

First place winners were, National News Reporting; *Philadelphia Gay News*, Local News Reporting; *The San Francisco Bay Times*, Cultural Reporting; *Lambda Rising Book Report*, Editorial Writing; *San Francisco Bay Times*, Photojournalism; *San Francisco Bay Times*, Overall Design; *San Francisco Sentinel*, Overall Design - Magazine; *Out/Look*.

CAPPAC Dinner Promotes Participation

by Ken Topper

On Saturday, June 2, the California Capitol Political Action Committee celebrated a successful 2nd Annual dinner with an overwhelming attendance of 450 people, many of whom are elected federal, state and local officials from both the democratic and republican parties.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Sacramento Men's Chorus and a series of One Act plays depicting the struggles and achievements of our gay and lesbian community.

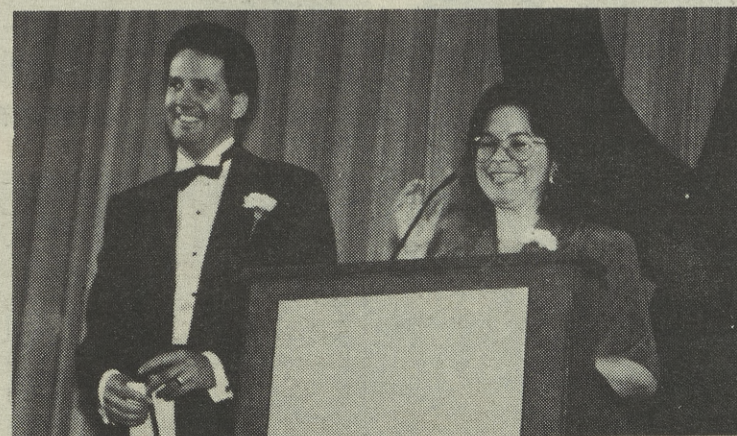
The main attraction for the evening was the key note

speaker, Bella Abzug. In her addresses Bella encouraged the lesbian and gay community to reject the agenda of "Outing", and with great passion encouraged those in the audience to "never again return to the loneliness of the closet". She spoke of the im-



Bella Abzug.

portance of domestic partnership and the necessity of re-defining the meaning of family, that we should "seek a nation secured by its diversity" and continued to say, "we have a right to expect a place with everyone else in this nation". As Bella closed her speech she spoke of making a difference. She said, "I make a difference, everyone in this room tonight is making a difference, people have died to make a vote count, and this creates a difference. We must see change. To not see change creates hell. And that is a place for people who remain neutral".



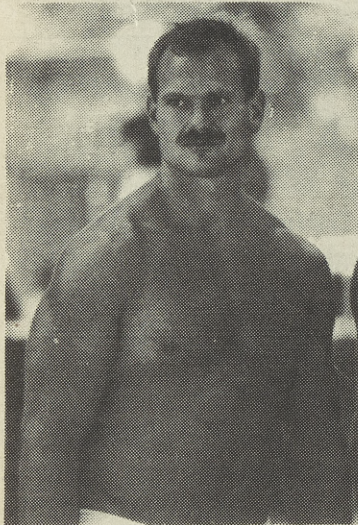
Tom Burns and Carolyn Langenkamp of CAPPAC.

LAMBDA FAIR

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the name of gay pride.

While past Freedom Fairs were often well-attended, and appreciated by Sacramento's gay and lesbian community, there were always a few negative moments, that marred the perfection of a happy day in the sun among one's family. This year, we finally got it just



right. There was some apprehension among some of us that recent events in the community-- the factionalization among the community over issues such as outing, and ACT UP's demonstration against the TVC-- would put a strain on the need to feel unified. But, the day was

Thanks for
that touch of
the tropics,
guys.

idyllic, the weather was cooperative, and the park was

peaceful, and upbeat. There was none of the harassment from straight people hovering on the outskirts evident during past years, and there were no drunken displays, or grandstanders popping wheelies on motorcycles, culminating in arrivals of ambulances.

Instead, there were the usual booths representing the several dozen gay and lesbian organizations, including political groups, the gay press, SAGA, Gay Fathers, SACWN, the Valley Knights, and of course Robert's famous tacos, (always one of the culinary "musts" at the Fair). Best

Theme Award went to the latest ISSUE booth, for their entry, which included a futuristic newspaper display. The Most Outrageous awards went to the SAGA Swim Team, for their decorative Hawaiian

"This is the
best Fair
we've ever
had."

booth. (You just can't have enough pink plastic flamingoes. Thanks for that touch of the tropics, guys.)

The entertainment, as always, was diverse, and varied in both style and quality. There were pleas for more political participation, lots of mellow music, and enough smutty comedy to appease almost everyone's tastes. The large amount of work put in by the entertainment coordinator, Caren Thompson was greatly appreciated by all. Not listed on the program, but



undoubtedly the biggest crowd pleaser, was well-known comic Robin Tyler. She did a consis-

political leaders, our pets' behavior, our past reliance on roles, and the overwhelming



tently funny and well-paced set that poked fun of our

insular quality of lesbian relationships, that brought hoots of recognition from the crowd.

"Isn't it weird that we always hate the one we just broke up with, yet the one before her is always our best friend? After all these years, you now have 16 best friends, and you still hate the one you just broke up with?"

Each year we
have more to
do, more
people to see,
and more time
to do it.

Since many of us were sitting with former lovers,

We put away
our collective
differences.

telling "She did me wrong" stories, about the latest heart-break, her timing was on target.

Even the cops seemed to be having a pleasant afternoon, joking with and smiling at the crowds in the bathroom lines. Their presence only highlighted the feeling of safety and security, which was augmented by the thin cordons, helping to barricade the back section of the park as

"our space".

Additionally, this year's attractions also included an art show, which was located at the far side of the park, with





displays by artist P.J. Dunker and the Lite Rail Gallery.

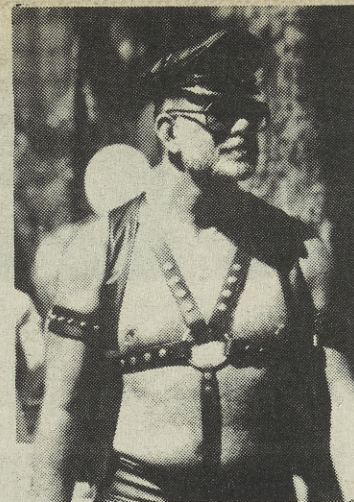
This was the 6th annual Freedom Fair, but Sacramento's community has been organizing its own celebration of gay and lesbian pride for 11 years. The first parade was held in 1979, in a determined attempt to have our own "hometown" celebration in the shadow of the much larger festivities held in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Parades were held from 1979-83. Because the parade always had more spectators than participants and partly because of the lack of security and often

harrassment from bystanders, the organizers in 1984 decided to hold the first Lesbian and Gay Freedom Fair. That first year, there were 18 exhibitors, and four hours of entertainment, and a crowd of about 1000. "This year's fair was

Best Theme Award went to the latest ISSUE booth

the best" said Karen Jay, booth mistress, "the number of volunteers and participants made it great."

Even the cops seemed to be having a pleasant afternoon



The determination of the Fair organizers is what made this day a success.

The participants managed to combine entertainment, unity, political action, pride and fundraising into a day-long event.

by late in the afternoon. Each year we have more to do, more people to see, and more time to do it. After a year of notable controversies, we put away our collective

The day was idyllic, the weather was cooperative, and the park was peaceful, and upbeat.

Kevin Cohee and Lorraine Mc Gorry put in hours upon hours of work on the program.

Richard Boriolo coordinated the art show expressed his commitment by saying "I love people, and strongly believe in personal liberties" and "which is why I'm here working on the Lambda Fair."

Lisa Kenton kept the volunteers in touch with reality and Linda Hancock and Eileen Harvey security co-chairs, took control at the slightest sign of trouble.

Fair Director Rick Dale said, "Today's Fair is the embodiment of a united effort, and this support is our strength for the future."

This year there were 65 exhibitors, over 9 hours of entertainment and the crowd swelled to over 7000 people



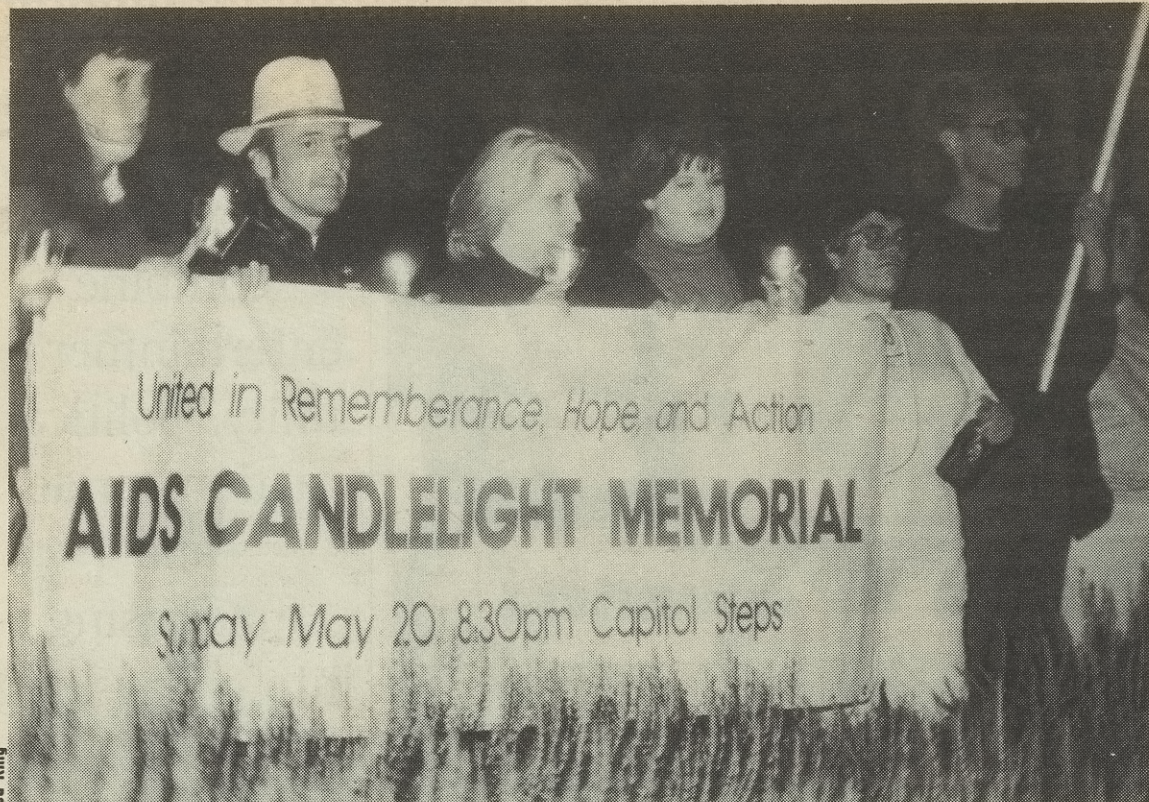
Photos by Becca King and Pat Barnes

differences. We, as a community seem to be stronger, more organized and better behaved. After five years of practice, we are nearing perfection. I can't wait 'til next year.



Thank You Sacramento!

from the 1990 Lambda Freedom Fair Committee, Staff & Volunteers.



Becca King

AIDS Memorial In Capitol

by Ricky Rea

The night of May 20th, under a gloomy overcast sky, around 200 candle-carrying people came out to participate in a world-wide vigil for those who have died of, or are living with AIDS.

The vigil, organized by Tim Warford/the Stop AIDS Project, had some difficulty in the beginning, as it was denied a permit, because there was a concern about wax being dropped on the pristine sidewalks. Well, with the help of a local attorney, who wishes to remain anonymous, the permit was attained, and the march went on.

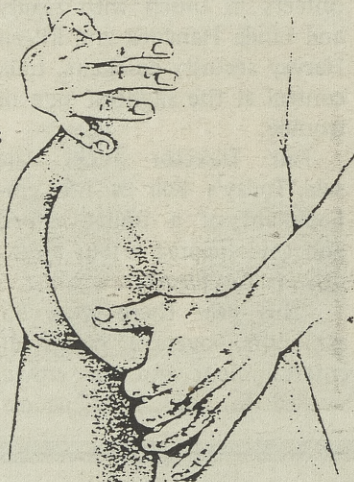
It was a truly moving sight, to see the two block long procession marching from the Capital to the federal courthouse. The flicker of the

candles blazed a shining beacon of hope, caring and love, for those of us living with AIDS. Speakers at the vigil spoke of hope, love, loss and disgust at the lack of funding and general treatment of those with AIDS.

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Candles Light the White House

by Keith Clark

As the world slowly spun on its axis Sunday, May 20, turning twilight into night, perhaps as many as 100,000 points of candlelight flickered in over 200 cities and towns in 35 countries around the world as part of the 7th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

In San Francisco, where the memorial got started in 1983, an estimated 20,000 marchers converged on City Hall, to learn that across the International Dateline, some 7,000 marchers had joined in the largest demonstrations of its kind ever in Melbourne, Australia, and that three hours earlier First Lady Barbara Bush had ordered a candle placed in each of the White House windows. A White House spokesperson said, "The President and Mrs. Bush wanted to participate in the 7th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial." For the first time in the painful history of the epidemic, candles burned in the windows of the White House.



Becca King

A young boy at the vigil.

At the Washington DC memorial, at the reflecting pool near the Lincoln Memorial, a visiting Soviet peace delegation also joined with half a dozen representatives of embassies in remembering what one speaker called "all the names that are in our hearts."

Elsewhere around the world,

memorials were observed for the first time this year in such places as Sowetho, South Africa, Casablanca, Prague, Jerusalem, Tokyo and Bangkok.

The first time candles burned in the windows of the White House.

In this country, cities joining in the international memorial included Bismarck, N.D., Gettysburg, Pa., and Altoona, Pa., the birthplace of slain San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk. In Nebraska, Gov. Kay Orr (R) issued a proclamation declaring the day "AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day" in the state. And in Ft. Worth, Texas, the Ft. Worth Symphony and Ballet performed at an outdoor service that included a display of over 300 red roses - one for each person from the city known to have died from AIDS.

The AIDS Candlelight Memorial started with a 1983 vigil organized by small groups here, in Los Angeles and in New York to remember those who had died from the epidemic that has now killed some 200,000 worldwide.



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Capitol Legislative Update

by Ken Topper

The decision of whether a bill passes or dies mostly depends upon the various lobbying organizations supporting or opposing a particular measure.

The Traditional Values Coalition takes positions trying to influence legislation being heard in Committee. As one looks at the description the TVC gives to a bill and the true content of a bill are at times distorted and convoluted.

SB 2154 Authored by Senator L. Greene, appropriates monies to support adolescent health programs located on or near a school site. These centers address the lack of health benefits available for the young and would be available at no cost or little cost, and requires written parental consent.

The TVC opposes this bill and states that these programs are a poor investment and health care for children should be the responsibility of the parents. They also state that adolescents are in the healthiest periods of their lives, so there is no need for health centers for adolescents.

SB 2506 Authored by Senator Torres establishes the Office of the Self-Esteem Ombudsman. The Ombudsman would serve as a monitor of state agencies and the Legislature in adopting recommendations to promote self-esteem programs to encourage growth

of self-esteem and personal and social responsibility.

AB 3644 Authored by Assemblyman Vasconcellos establishes the Self-Esteem Training Program administered by the Department of Education. Its goals would be to provide instruction to educators to incorporate age appropriate activities and curriculum for school aged people, encouraging a positive self-image and self-esteem.

The TVC opposes this bill because it would determine appropriate academic curricula for K thru 12.

AB 2922 Authored by Assemblymember Hughes would revise the definition of "comprehensive health education programs" for grades 1 to 12 to include subjects of diseases

and disorders. The program would be inclusive of AIDS, teen-pregnancy, dental problems, and be made age-appropriate so as to encourage each individual a personal responsibility of his or her own health. Each school district has the authority to implement these recommendations and whether to require parental permission for student participation.

The TVC opposes this bill because it would "mandate" health education in grades 1 - 12 to include AIDS, other sexual transmitted diseases, and health care services, i.e. abortion and contraceptives.

AB 3459 Authored by Assemblyman Friedman would require a separate license category for residential care facilities for persons with HIV. It requires a provision of basic services and living accommodations. Allows for respite arrangements for a relative, guardian, conservator, significant other, or close friend.

And again, the TVC opposes this bill.



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Hate Crimes - a Matter of Life and Death

by Don Souza

On July 1, California law enforcement personnel will be required to keep track of hate crimes. Crimes motivated by a victims ethnicity, race, religion, disability, or sexual orientation are covered by the new law.

According to Chief Assistant Attorney General Richard Inglehart the recording of such crimes will enable law enforcement personnel to "come up with solutions and work toward long-term answers".

According to Community United Against Violence (CUAV) in San Francisco, there were 331 anti-lesbian, anti-gay incidents reported in Northern California in 1989, an increase of 67% from reports in 1988. Although the figures may reflect increased reporting rather than an actual increase in crime, rates for what the police call "bias crimes" - acts of violence inspired by racism and other prejudice - are also rising.

A large majority of hate motivated crimes are committed by people in groups of four or more. And the more people in the group, the more vicious the crime.

Nearly half (47 percent) of the incidents resulted in

physical injury to the victim, with 19 per cent requiring medical attention. They are crimes of youth: most of those who perpetrate them are in their teens or 20's. But they are not crimes of youthful rebellion: those who carry them out are venting feelings by their families, friends and community.

These elements are curbing being watched in connection to the two tear gas bombings in the downtown area, the New Years Eve incident at Faces - a gay bar in midtown - and the June 3rd attack on Spectrum 90.

Hate crimes are not limited to physical violence, these crimes also include verbal harassment, vandalism or any

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Clean, Clear Sounds From Chorus



by Dan Palomino

May 18 - 20 gave the community the opportunity to listen to the Sacramento Men's Chorus attempt to prove once and for all that they are a musical force to be reckoned with.

Featuring music by American composers, the show took the listener on a musical tour of America's cultural regions. And notwithstanding inconsistencies throughout their per-

formances, the Chorus paraded their musical and showbiz strengths with gusto.

The sub-group, Entourage, set the stage by warming up the crowd with a hilarious "Instruction to the Audience". The Chorus has always strived for novelty in the opening of their shows - with varying degrees of success. But this time Entourage's excellent comic timing, hit the jackpot. However, nothing could have prepared the audience for the first number to follow.

Effectively channeling the nervous energy/anxiety evident in the dressing room, the Chorus unleashed their first number, "Celebration" with a

hurricane of energy, style and sound. After this initial song and dance extravaganza was over, the Chorus had transferred their energy to the audience.

Act Two saw the show's pace quicken starting off with "In the Mood". This time, dressed in power ties and suspenders, the Chorus looked like escapees from Wall Street. Although the visuals were there, the vocal precision and smooth blend of voices was lacking. I had expected better, yet the group failed to give this old standard a new lease on life.

Chorus veteran and lounge lizard Lindsey Ouellette sang what I consider his most outstanding solo in recent shows with a rendition of "Someone to Watch Over Me" imparting the audience with the romance of the lyrics in a smooth manner.

"It's Not My Problem" effectively used a mechanical/robotic choreography to capture this society's increasing sense of frustration and compartmentalization in the impersonal high tech age.

The final sequence of songs in Act Two titled "Home",

featured several beautiful numbers with soaring music and lofty lyrics. Any sense of schmaltz was tempered by the earnestness and conviction detailed in the faces of the Chorus as they sang. It was in this last sequence of songs that the exacting standards of the artistic director were surpassed - perhaps because many of the lyrics held a relevance to the singers and audience alike. This medley of hope and inspiration reached its crescendo in "The Great Peace March" led by Jim Radke. By this point, emotions in the entire theatre were running high. A supposedly grand gesture of unveiling the rainbow flag during this song seemed superfluous although it received quite a reaction from Saturday night's crowd. The words and the faces of these talented performers couldn't have conveyed any message more eloquently.

The Chorus ended with a reprise of "Celebration" to the rousing cheers of the crowds.

By far, the Sacramento Men's Chorus Spring Concert was the best to date. The show ran tighter and more organized both on stage and off, and featured a small orchestra for the first time. There appeared a greater confidence among the singers and a cleaner sounding performance than even they had anticipated.

As director Carl Naluai said after it was over, "before, they were content to not hit the bottom, now they can look up and reach for the stars."

100 Miles For Benefit



Nancy Nystrom.

Plans are in the works for this year's 100 Mile Walk Against AIDS.

Scheduled for August 25 to August 31, Nancy Nystrom will once again raise money to help people with AIDS.

Last September, Nancy and her team walked from Folsom Lake to Hope Valley in the beautiful Toiyab National Forest raising over \$13,000 for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

The determined woman is planning the same route and invites other concerned individuals to join her or form teams of their own for the unique fundraising event. Volunteers and pledges are being recruited and corporate sponsors are being sought to raise more badly needed funds. If you would like to become involved with this worthwhile event, please call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at (916) 448-2437.

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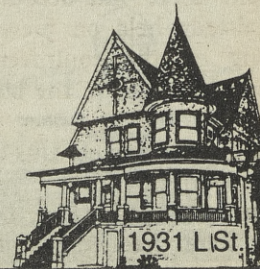
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Students in S.F. Get "Project 10"

by Keith Clark

Despite initial objections by the City's superintendent of schools, the San Francisco Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt a counseling program aimed at gay and lesbian students in the City's public schools.

The program, technically known as Student Educational Support Services for Gay and Lesbian Youth, is similar to a Los Angeles school district program called Project 10, which is operated at West Hollywood's Fairfax High School by Virginia Uribe. While San Francisco's new program essentially matches Uribe's Project 10 in the scope of services, San Francisco's schools have only about 62,000 students while the Los Angeles district has over 600,000 students, prompting Cortines to call the proposed plan "the most far-reaching program in existence."

The proposal adopted by the school board will begin this fall and, like the Los Angeles program, will be under the direction of a yet-to-be-named teachers as a half-time post. The program will be aimed at "self-identified" gay, lesbian and bisexual teens at the City's middle and high schools and will offer students a resource center, counseling services and educational materials. A major goal of the program is to help "prevent verbal and physical harassment and discrimination" of gay students on school campuses in an attempt to lower the drop-out rate among such students.

During the unusually long school board meeting, hundreds of people had showed up, packing the meeting room, and overflowing into the hallway to address the board on this one issue. And because it had already held on previous hearing on the controversial counseling program, the board restricted the number of speakers to five opponents and five supporters.

Even so, speakers on both sides were frequently interrupted by cheering supporters

in the crowd gave the school board a noisy standing ovation, hugging one another, blowing whistles, and jumping up and down.

An alternative proposal,

which called for the program to be run by a teacher as a full-time assignment, was rejected by the board as "too costly." The City's school

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Charge It With Pride

by Keith Clark

Taking gay pride one step further into the mainstream, the non-profit Pride Foundation announced the first ever Master Card/Visa credit card program that will channel a percentage of the charges into the foundation for its funding of gay and lesbian charity organizations.

The Pride Foundation has been negotiating with the Seattle-based Seafirst Bank for the past eight months to set up a so-called affinity credit card program for the gay and lesbian group like hundreds of others around the country that target organization members in groups ranging from the National Organization for Women to the Mensa Society.

Organizations with affinity credit card programs solicit members and supporters of their groups for credit card applications which are then

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Dr. Virginia Uribe of founder of Project 10.

or obscenity-calling and whistle-blowing opponents.

When the final vote was announced, making it a unanimous 7-0 decision, supporters

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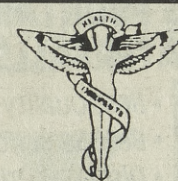
RAINBOW RUN

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States called the American Run to End AIDS. When asked why he chose to do the Rainbow Run he responded "It is like in the movie 'Field of Dreams', it is a calling."

When Nicholson-Earle reaches his destination of Vancouver, B.C., the city will be filled with gay and lesbian athletes from around the world for the Gay Games. "I'll be running in for the opening ceremonies, watch for me."

To contribute to the Rainbow Run For AIDS, write to the American Run for the End of AIDS, Rainbow Run, Suite 26L, 300 Mercer Street, New York, NY, 10003.



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Police Prepare for AIDS Conference

by Keith Clark

In an eleventh-hour attempt to avert confrontations at the up-coming Sixth International Conference on AIDS the San Francisco Police Department is beginning a special training program to sensitize officers to the epidemic and the many political and social issues that surround it.

Officers who will be on special duty during the June 20-24 conference will see a video presentation which was put together by the conference organizers here. The video includes a number of

people who have the disease as well as medical experts explaining how the virus can - and cannot - be transmitted. It will also focus on some of the social and political issues surrounding the epidemic such as discrimination against people with AIDS, why activists are angry with the government's response to the epidemic, and why this medical conference has become



S.F. Police Chief Frank Jordan.

such a volatile issue.

With some 12,000 people expected to attend the conference itself, between 200,000 and 300,000 people are expected in the City on June 24 for the annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade, and with repeated public statements by some AIDS activists calling for violence at the conference, the City is taking this highly unusual step in giving special "issues-training" to officers in an attempt to forestall what

some fear could be a week of confrontations.

The police department has no intention of backing off from doing what it sees as its duty.

Police chief Frank Jordan met in May with Mayor Art Agnos, conference organizers and gay and AIDS activists to try to address the potential problems surrounding the conference. The police department has already called for all of its gay and lesbian officers to volunteer for special duty at the site where most of the

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Gay What?

The battle over the word "gay" heated up a few degrees in late May as a resident of the small town, Gay, West Virginia (pop. 300) just 30 miles north of Charleston, began a campaign to get Jackson County commissioners to change the name to something else - anything else.

Chuck Raines told commissioners the hamlet was named in the 1850's when "the word gay meant merry, joyous and lively." Now, of course, gay has also - and perhaps even more widely - come to mean homosexual, and Raines doesn't like the association. In fact he hates it. "I'm sick and tired of telling someone where I'm from and having them snicker. It's no big political deal, but it's got to change."

The Jackson County Commission would have to approve any city name changes under its jurisdiction, and so far the commissioners aren't doing anything rash. Commissioner Bob Cuthbertson said, "Well, I can see his [Raines'] point, but we can't just go around change the names of towns every hundred years just because the meaning of a word changes. Hell, there's a town called Flat Top and one called Beaver in this state. And no one's complaining about them."

There is also a Gay, Georgia, a Gayville, South Dakota, and perhaps best of all, a Gay Head, Massachusetts, none of which have ever contemplated changing their towns' names. Interestingly enough, there are no Straights in any of the 50 states, despite general rumors to the contrary.



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Conferences Bring New Ideas

by Arturo Jackson III

The Sixth International Conference and the Advanced Immune Discoveries Symposium will be held concurrently on June 20 to June 24 in San Francisco.

The conferences will present the latest information from researchers and experts worldwide on both FDA approved and alternative treatments, many controversial. Activists are expected to protest the conference because of the United States discriminatory immigration policy towards gays and people with AIDS.

Startling breakthroughs in the field of AIDS research are expected to be presented at both conferences. For the latest information, plan on attending the conferences and reading the daily newspapers, the latest ISSUE, other community papers and attending the Healthy Living Series on July 16 for presentations by local physicians reporting the conference updates at the U.C. Davis Medical Center.

2nd Annual Advanced Immune Discoveries Symposium, Le Meridien Hotel

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The Sixth International Conference on AIDS, Moscone Convention Center and S.F. Marriott Hotel

This conference will explore the theme "AIDS in the Nineties: From Science to Policy." Over 2,500 research abstracts will be presented at the conference. Reports on the continued benefits of promising treatments and therapies as well as astonishing clinical trial results are anticipated.

Tickets to the conference

are expensive, costing \$550 per participant. For no charge, individuals may view conference lectures and up-

dates on findings daily at community viewing center, call (415) 861-4898 for location.

For more information:

The Sixth International Conference on AIDS, (415) 550-0880

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HEALTHWATCH at U.C. Davis Medical Center, July 16, (916) 448-2437.

Cheaper Health Care

by David Zelaskowski

COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) is a federal law passed in 1986 which applies to businesses with more than twenty employees and mandates that the company offer continued health insurance coverage to terminated and disabled employees at the group plan rate.

Employees who are terminated or resign can continue their health coverage for 18 months, while disabled employees defined by social security guidelines are eligible for health plan coverage for 29 months with a higher monthly premium after 18 months. Ex-spouses and children ineligible for health plan coverage as dependents can continue health plan coverage for 36 months. Eligible former employees have 60 days to notify the company to continue health coverage under the COBRA guidelines.

The HIPP program (Health Insurance Premium Payment) may pay your monthly COBRA premium for you! This will help you financially as well as insure uninterrupted service from your physicians and other organizations providing medical care.

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thly COBRA payment for you, than to pay for your medical bills.

Time is very important. Your application must be completed and submitted within 30 days of the insurance termination date.

After submitting your application, you should be contacted by a state eligibility worker within 15 days regarding your eligibility for the COBRA or HIPP programs. For further information on the HIPP program, contact your State Medi-Cal office eligibility worker or call 1-(800) 952-5294. For more information about COBRA, call (415) 744-6700.

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A to Z Self Help Manual Survival Manual at SAF

by Robert Thistle

At last...A local handbook written specifically for persons who have been diagnosed HIV positive - and one that has a positive outlook on their survival.

The book is unique in that it is the first such manual to contain original art work from local artists depicting their expressions of the epidemic.

The hardworking team of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Protocol Department, (Patty Blomberg, Stephen Crow and Robert Thistle) have compiled into one volume the contributions of 29 authors and 22 artists - all of whom are HIV activists and who speak with one voice: that of positive attitude, with concern for the health and well-being of those infected with HIV.

The manual's editor, Patty Blomberg, says, "The workers on this book represent physicians, lawyers, drag queens, housewives, students, nurses, clergy, psychologists, apart-

ment managers, Federal and State employees, drug counselors, recovering addicts, outreach workers, health educators, artists, computer technicians, former gay porn movie stars, college professors, and street people."

To quote from the introduction: "The face of HIV has changed from a horror, bringing with it imminent death, to continued on page 25

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"The doctors told me I had less than a year to live and with that, my faith kicked in and God and I began to work together." Shortly thereafter Pieters began participating in trials of a drug called suramin. Within 39 weeks, both cancers went into remission and his AIDS symptoms left his body.

The toxic side effects of the

suramin on Pieters and the other men in the study proved to be too great to pursue for extended trials, yet the Reverend appears to have completely recovered from AIDS and is the picture of health.

He is often asked whether he is giving a sense of false hope to men and women with AIDS and in response to this question he replies, "False hope or false despair, which one is worse? How dare someone take away hope."

The River City Metropolitan Community Church was host to Reverend Pieters during the 51 hour Prayer Vigil on June 16 - 18. At the services that weekend he spoke eloquently about what he had experienced, "It is possible to achieve healing in the face of death."

Rev. Pieters travels around the country speaking on issues of faith, hope and courage in the face of AIDS. He has traveled to over 120 cities within the past two years spreading the message, "God is greater than AIDS."

Get Your Sunscreen

Summer's Here

by Lynn McNeal D.C.

The first day of Summer is just around the corner, when we plan more outside fun. The same "solar source" that warms the earth and nourished us also represents a serious health hazard if we are not cautious.

Sun exposure is a form of radiation, and is measured often as a cumulative dose as is X-ray or gamma-ray dosages. Those people such as roofers, sailors, golfers, etc. who, spend great amounts of time in the sun accumulate an enormous overall skin dose of ultraviolet radiation from the sun. On a smaller scale, so do a lot of us who spend our summers in the Great Outdoors. Over time, overexposure to the sun can result in several forms of skin damage. The elastic tissue located in the skin's dermis layer undergoes a degenerative change called "solar elastosis", leading to excess wrinkling and loss of skin tone. Epidermal drying is another danger. By far, the greatest danger is the skin cancers caused by overexposure to the ultraviolet rays.

Solar radiation that reaches the earth's surface ranges in wavelength from 2900 to 18,500 Angstroms. This varies with the seasons and atmospheric conditions. The damaging rays are below 3200

Angstroms. Environmental pollutants represent a double-edged sword, in that smog particles filter out some of the UV rays, but also destroy the ozone layer that protects the earth's atmosphere from harmful solar radiation.

Research has found that ultraviolet radiation can destroy the ability of the skin's DNA to repair itself. Without that repair mechanism, molecular mutations can reproduce unchecked. This is the basis of squamous and basal cell carcinoma of the skin. People of Northern European heritage are most at risk, since they lack the ability to produce protective melanin in sufficient amounts (this is not to suggest that blacks and other non-whites are immune to the effects of overexposure). Pre-cancerous lesions of the skin, known as actinic keratosis, are hardened grey patches that are often a sign of long-term over-exposure.

Simple precautions will prevent most cases of over-exposure. Initial summer exposure to bright midday sun, should not exceed 30 minutes. Avoid long exposure from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when sunburn-producing rays are not filtered out. PABA formulations and other protective gels should be applied 30 minutes prior to going out in the sun, since many of these products require 30 minutes to bind to the skin.

Those whose skin cannot tolerate PABA esters may use a benzophenone sunscreen (Bull Frog SP 36 comes highly recommended to me as a product that doesn't come off in the water, and does not need to be constantly re-applied). Wear a hat and long sleeves if you plan to be at the ball park all afternoon or out on the lake for the day. Plan ahead, protect yourself, and enjoy your summer in healthy moderation.

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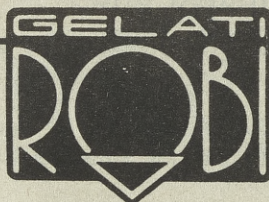
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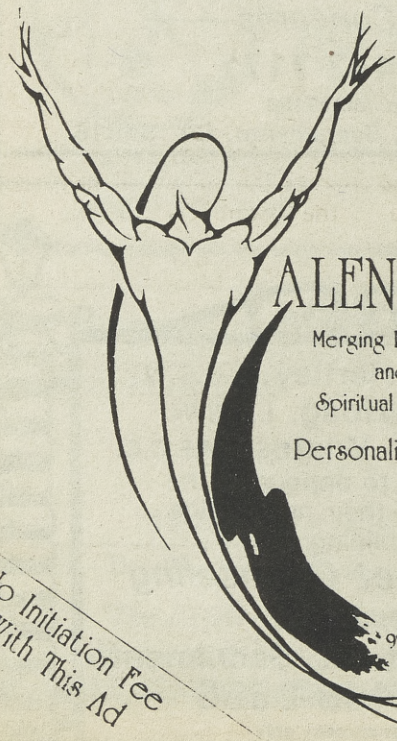
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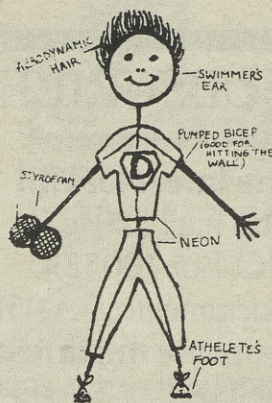
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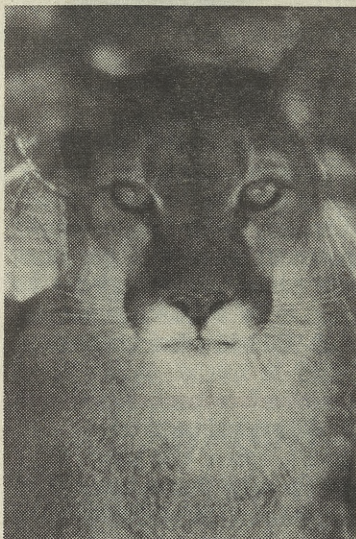
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Christopher the Mercury cougar lives at PAWS.

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PAWS was founded to provide sanctuary for unwanted animals or those considered too old to be of any use. There is a limited staff that takes care of all the animals and help is always needed so please come to Lioness Books located at 2224 J Street at 7 p.m. on June 22nd and learn about PAWS.

Piano and Voice For Hope House

Clifford Shockney and Gretchen Morgan will perform a piano and voice benefit concert on Saturday evening, June 23, at 8 p.m. at the Pioneer Congregational Church, 2700 L Street. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested, and all proceeds will be donated to Hope House, a residence for people living with AIDS. The program will include music by Liszt, Debussy, Brahms, Schubert, Schumann, Vaughn Williams, Ginastera as well as popular favorites.

Lesbians & Latex - Sexuality 1990

Workshop for women, "Lesbians Loving Latex - Women's Sexuality in the 90's" will have a repeat performance as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF). Julie Weckstein, M.S.W., will again facilitate this workshop on June 29, 1990, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the SAF training space, 1900 K Street, upstairs.

The workshop will provide a safe and fun environment for lesbians and bisexual women to discuss and explore the impact of HIV on their sexuality. Some issues that will be discussed are: denial of risk in the lesbian community; how to make sex safe; communicating with sexual partners; and other issues of intimacy.

Based on the success of the last workshop and the enthusiasm of attendees, Weckstein decided there was definitely a need for this information in the lesbian community. Weckstein emphasized, "I believe lesbians are finally realizing that they are not immune to HIV, and that they need to educate and protect themselves so that HIV never reaches epidemic levels in the lesbian community."

Weckstein also added, "we have to deal with the reality that some lesbians have sex with men and some use IV drugs. This brings HIV into the lesbian community and since HIV can be transmitted from woman to woman, we all have to practice safe sex."

For more information contact Julie Weckstein at (916) 361-9608 or Joe Chase at (916) 448-2437.

LIFE Proposes a New AB1

At its quarterly meeting yesterday, the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) Board of Directors decided to sponsor legislation next year to protect lesbians and gay men against discrimination. Action was taken early in order to provide LIFE with adequate lead time to fully prepare for the expected controversy sur-

round the new bill.

According to John Duran, LIFE's Southern California co-chair, "The time is right for enacting these equal rights protections. The major obstacle in the past has been the obstinate opposition of the current governor. We have every reason to believe that no matter who is elected governor in November, the bill will receive favorable attention."

After six years in the Legislature, an earlier version, known as Assembly Bill 1 and authored by then-Assemblyman Art Agnos, was passed by the Legislature in 1984. Despite intense lobbying by the gay and lesbian community, Governor Deukmejian vetoed the bill. Since Agnos left the Assembly, the issue has been kept alive by Los Angeles Assemblyman Terry Friedman; each year since 1987, Friedman has introduced a bill modeled after the Agnos version and endeavored to move the bill out of the Legislature. Unfortunately, the governor's avowal to veto any future discrimination legislation has kept a skittish Legislature from passing any versions after the 1984 veto.

Jannson to go to the Soviet Union

Cynthia Jannson, local well-being consultant and Vivation professional, has been invited to be involved in a journey to the Soviet Union. She has been requested to participate in the first Annual Inner Peace/World Peace Mission, an opportunity for a group of people from the United States and the Soviet Union to exchange ideas, infor-



Cynthia Jannson.

mation and skills to create a dialogue for world peace.

The U.S. group will be meeting with a government recognized healing exchange group in the U.S.S.R.. The purpose of the gathering is to exchange not only ideas on the power of Vivation and but also will include a sharing of individual missions for world peace.

Anne Leonard, Director of International Vivation Community, will be leading the group. Cynthia Jannson will be assisting Anne in the adventure. Cynthia leads workshops on self-healing, self-esteem, codependency and Vivation. She has also created and facilitated the support group "Alive with AIDS" and was the chapter coordinator for the "Inner Health" chapter of HIV: from A to Z, A Self-Help Manual.

Scheduled for this August, the members of the trip request that interested individuals submit a brief paragraph of their vision of world peace which will be exchanged with the Soviets during one of the scheduled symposiums. You are invited to send your vision of peace to I.V.C., c/o Cynthia Jannson, P.O. Box 161592, Sacramento, CA., 95816.

Kim Mueller to Speak to RCDC

The escalating local trend toward seating "progressive" elected officials and the exciting implications for lesbians and gays will be discussed by City Councilmember Kim Mueller at a special River City Democratic Club (RCDC) meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18. Non-members are encouraged to attend this important dialogue at the Lambda Center.

Mueller, elected in 1987 in her first bid for public office, has assumed a leadership role in promoting progressive policies and programs toward making Sacramento a "more livable, more enjoyable" city as we grow.

The District 6 representative participated in the recent protest against Rev. Lou Sheldon and the Traditional Values Coalition and she is firmly committed to preserving the rights of lesbians and gays. Councilmember Mueller will be



Kim Mueller.

Sacramento's first public official to participate with RCDC in the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 24.

With support from gays and women's groups, and environmentalists and preservationists, she has advocated efforts to ensure improved mass transit, citywide recycling, pedestrian-oriented downtown design, expanded city support for the arts, and a major tree planting campaign. Her concern for ethics in government led her to co-sponsor, with Mayor Anne Rudin, a local political campaign reform ordinance.

Councilmember Mueller will discuss ways in which members of the lesbian/gay community can have a voice in shaping the future of Sacramento.

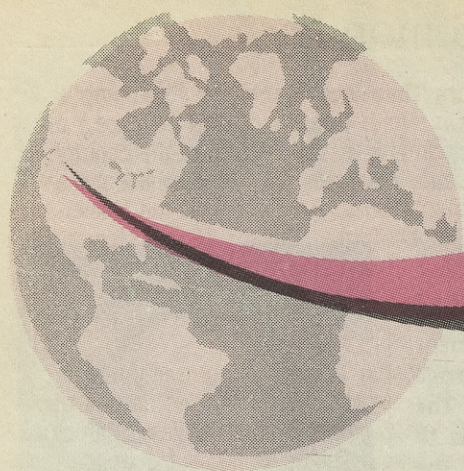
For more information, contact RCDC President Karl Greene at (916) 927-2029.

Open Road at Town House for SAGA

The Sacramento's Swim Team is presenting the duet Open Road in a benefit concert at the Town House Sunday, July 1. Funds from the show will help send the swimmers to the Gay Games in Vancouver in August.

Open Road, a partnership of Steve Van Dyke and Jim Ralston, sing gay oriented music in a country style. Most of their songs are original to the duo with titles like, "Look at Daddy", "White Pants" and "Short Stack". They also perform songs by artists such as k. d. lang, George Strait, and Patsy Cline.

The concert will start at 8:30 p.m., Tickets are \$5.00, and can be purchased at the Town House the night of the concert.



the daily

PLAN-IT

June

18 monday

Works by local artist, Diana Manning will be on display at Chocolate Ripple Desserts located at 1309 21st Street. For more information call (916) 446-3107.

June 18 - 30

19 tuesday

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet at 7:30 p.m. for open discussion group and will meet at St. Marks United Methodist Church located at 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento. For more information call (916) 444-9510.

TUESDAYS

Heart to Heart, a gay/bisexual mens support group promoting personal growth and a healthier and stronger community will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the SAF training space located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. For more information call SAF at (916) 448-2437.

"Being Gay Today" broadcast will be shown at 10 p.m. on Sacramento cable channel 63.

Singles Group hosted by River City Metropolitan Community Church meets in the church Social Hall located at 2741 34th Street at 7 p.m. For more information call (916) 454-4762.

20 wednesday

National Bisexual Conference will be held in San Francisco. A unique opportunity for bisexuals from around the world to come together to learn through workshops. For more information call (415) 775-1990.

June 20 - 24

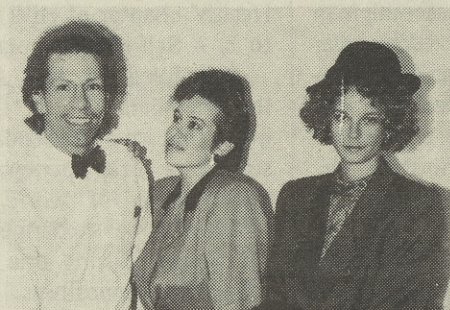
The Sixth International Conference Community Outreach sessions on AIDS. A daily summary, open to the public of the activities and findings of the Conference. Featured will be international leaders in medicine, research, public health, activism, social policy and government. Call (415) 861-4898.

June 20 - 23

Sixth International Conference on AIDS, at the Moscone Convention Center. The theme for the conference is "AIDS in the Nineties: From Science to Policy." For more information call (415) 550-0880.

June 20 - 24

Sacramento N.O.W. (National Organization for Women) meets at the Coloma Community Center at 46th and T Streets. Free childcare available. Call (916) 443-3470 for more information.



"A Song At Twilight", the Sacramento premier presented by The Studio of Dramatic Arts. The production company was formerly associated with the S.F. Conservatory of Ballet & Theater Arts. Benefit performance on June 24 will raise funds for AIDS research. Call (916) 442-1297 for more information.

HIV Positive Support Group meets from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the CARES Clinic located at 2710 Capitol Ave. The group offers mutual support to anyone dealing with an HIV diagnosis in their life. Call (916) 444-2344 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS



"Game Night" at the Wreck Room. Play your favorite board games such as 'gay monopoly', backgammon, checkers, dice, etc. Cost to play is 25 cents which will go to an AIDS charity. Fun starts 9 p.m.

21 thursday

Angels in White Face, an AIDS benefit art show and performance presented by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. 65 Page Street, San Francisco. 6:30 reception, 7:30 performance. For info call (415) 255-3131.



Gay/Lesbian Speaker's Bureau will hold a planning meeting at the Lambda Community Center at 7 p.m. Recap of recent sensitivity training efforts with the Sacramento Police Academy will be highlighted. For more information call (916) 429-2806.

Advanced Immune Discoveries Symposium. This symposium will highlight non-toxic natural therapies and will be held at the Le Meridien Hotel in San Francisco and costs range from \$40 - \$130 and is sponsored by the Foundation for Research of Natural Therapies. Call (415) 349-0718 for more information.

THURSDAYS

"Being Gay Today" repeat broadcast will be shown at 9 p.m. on Sacramento cable channel 63.

The **"Being Alive Livingroom"** for those living with HIV is open from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

22 friday



The Flirtations, the gay a capella singing group will perform in a music series presented by the Noe Valley Ministry located at 1021 Sanchez Street in San Francisco. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information call (916) 621-7712.



An Evening With P.A.W.S. (Performing Animal Welfare Society) at Lioness Books located at 2224 J Street. An opportunity to learn more about P.A.W.S. and the organizations work to stop abusive treatment of animals. Call (916) 442-4657 for more information.

Gordon Lightfoot will perform at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre located at 1301 L Street. For more information call (916) 449-5181.

Comedy with Karen Ripley and Karen Williams at Joseph's Town and Country. Ripley hopes to "change the world through humor and honesty" while Williams draws on her experiences as an East Bay black lesbian single parent. A winning duo for what promises to be an hilarious evening. Call (916) 649-9248 for more information.

FRIDAYS

Country and Western Dance Lessons at M.C.C. with instructor Cheryl Dwelle in the Social Hall from 7 to 11 p.m.. For more information call (916) 454-4762.

23 saturday



Physique 90, a body building competition for gay men and lesbians at the Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco. Preliminary competition 9 a.m., all tickets \$5. Final competition at 7 p.m., tickets range from \$35. to \$15. For more information call (415) 552-3656.

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration presented by Christopher Street West. For details call (213) 656-6553.

June 23 and 24

"Picnic Night" is the theme of the Sacramento Gender Association's dinner social at Joseph's Town and Country. Transvestites and transsexuals are encouraged to attend the SGA event and enjoy a non-judgmental atmosphere of mutual support and relaxation. For more information call (916) 441-8379 or write P.O. Box 417701, Sacramento, CA. 95841.

Oak Park Summer Concert Series presents a rich variety of ethnic, folk and western European music. The festival will be held at McClatchy Park located at 33rd and 5th Avenue. Call (916) 321-1800 for more information.

HIV/AIDS March - A United Call to Action. A non-violent march in San Francisco to show commitment in stopping the AIDS epidemic. Men, women and children are encouraged to join the display of strength as the eyes of the world look towards the 6th International Conference on AIDS. For more information call Andy Lives, interim organizer (415) 863- 4676.

24 sunday

San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade. Call (415) 647-3733 for more information.

Black and White Men Together 10th Anniversary Convention to be held in San Francisco featuring a dance party, workshops and lectures addressing issues vital to the coalition. For more information call (415) 826-4618. **June 24 - 30**

1st International "AIDS & Ethics" Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in San Francisco. Internationally known experts will discuss the ethical, social and educational issues surrounding AIDS. Call (415) 255-1297 for more information. **June 24 - 27**

SUNDAYS

Pickin' Parties at the Party Palace located at 2601 Claybank Road in Fairfield. Bring your own instruments or just come and listen. \$2 donation requested. For more information call (707) 422-6595.

Artist in Recovery, a community organization based upon the 12-step program meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Call (916) 923-5234 for location and more information.



28 thursday

1990 Inaugural Pro Am Classic Horse Show at the Arco Arena. Call (916) 928-6900 for more information. **June 28 - July 1**

29 friday

Lesbians Loving Latex hosted by Julie Weckstein, M.S.W., a Healthy Living Presentation be held at the SAF training space located at 1900 K Street. Back by popular demand, the presentation is designed to help lesbian and bisexual women explore and discuss the impact of HIV on women's sexuality. Call Joe Chase at (916) 448-2437 for more information.

30 saturday

"PSSN Singles Pool Party" hosted by the Positive Social Support Newsletter. An exciting, wet party for HIV + singles and others looking for FUN and more! Potluck BBQ and nude water volleyball are planned. Call (916) 447-5925 for location and more information.

Nelson Mandela will speak at the Oakland - Alameda County Coliseum. All money raised will go to the anti-apartheid efforts in South Africa. Tickets are \$5 and are available through Bass ticket outlets. (916) 923-BASS.



Salute to Star Trek & Beauty & The Beast will be held at the Hotel El Rancho in Sacramento. Call (916) 371-6731 for more information.

June 30 - July 1

July

1 sunday

Laura Branigan will perform at the Circle Star Center in San Carlos. Call (916) 366-7100 or (916) 923-BASS for more information.

2 monday

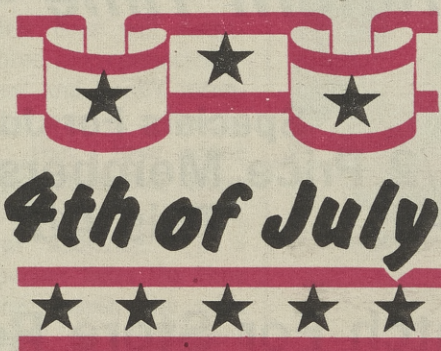
ACT UP/Sacramento meeting. Come together with other dedicated activists committed to responsible actions to bring attention to AIDS issues and halting the epidemic. Meeting time 7 p.m. Call (916) 447-5925 for location.



3 tuesday

"Outlook" lesbian/gay video show at 10 p.m. on cable 63. Argentine lesbian poet Ilse Kornreich, singer Andrea Marcovicci, the film "Longtime Companion" and Outlook's resident wit, Bennett Marks will be feature.

4 wednesday



6 friday

Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco Giants at Candlestick Park. Call (415) 467-8000 or (916) 923-BASS. **July 6 - 8**

Camping Women will meet and encourages women interested in exploring the great outdoors with other adventurous women to attend. Backpacking equipment and food items will be discussed. Call (916) 485-9471 for more information.

7 saturday

"River Float" coordinated by Camping Women. Everyone (men, women, children, non-members) is welcome to join in the fun down the American River. Call (916) 361-8668 for more information.

8 sunday



Camping Women hosts BBQ/Picnic at a local park. Call (916) 677-8469 for more information.

Patti LaBelle in concert at the Sacramento Community Center, 8:00 p.m. Tickets available by calling 923-BASS.

9 monday

SHOWBOAT will spotlight Tom Posten in the Oscar Hammerstein classic at the Music Circus tent located at 15th and H streets. Ticket prices start at \$19.50 each. For more information call (916) 441-3163. **July 9 - 15**

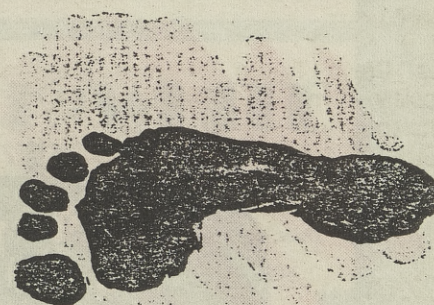
12 thursday

1990 NAWC (National Association of Women's Centers) Conference theme "Our Eyes On The Future" will be held at the CSUS campus. A unique opportunity to connect with others involved with Women's Centers across the country. Interested participants should call (916) 441-4207 or (916) 682-3764 to register and for more information. **July 12 - 15**



Vicki Lawrence stars in "Annie Get Your Gun", Irving Berlin's frontier favorite at the Music Circus tent located at 15th and H streets. Ticket prices start at \$19.50 each. For more information call (916) 441-3163. **July 16 - 22**

22 sunday



AIDS Walk San Francisco, a ten kilometer fundraising walk-a-thon starting at the music concourse in Golden Gate Park. Sign-in 9:00 a.m. For further info call (415) 896-WALK.

26 thursday

"Hair" presented by the Davis Musical Theatre for additional info call the Davis Musical Theatre at 756-3682.

28 saturday

The Simpsons will perform live and in person at Great America in Santa Clara Call (408) 988-1800 or (916) 923-BASS for more information.

July 28 - Aug. 2

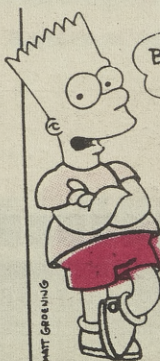
14 saturday

Alternative Treatments/PWA Info Support Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at Sutter General Hospital located in Conference room B and C. An opportunity to exchange vital information with others dealing with HIV. Call (916) 486-2566 for more information.

Camping Women hosts Dutch Flat Campout and Games. Call (916) 389-8444 for more information.

15 sunday

Harry Connick Jr. will perform at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre. For more information call (916) 449-5181.

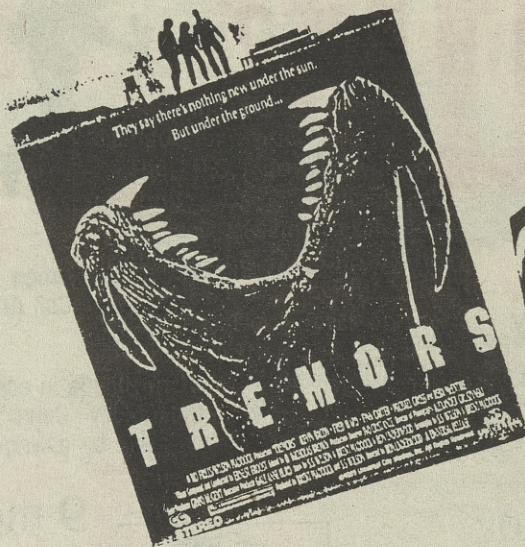


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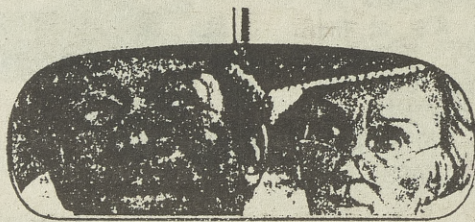
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"Longtime Companion" Puts AIDS in Mainstream

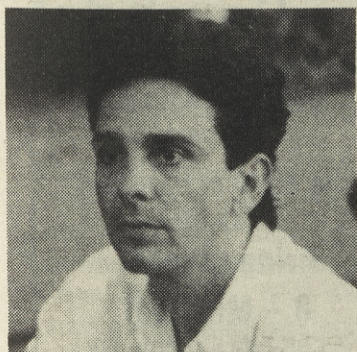


Fuzzy, Michael, Lisa and Willy exchange fond memories in Longtime companion.

by Chris Gerald

It is 1981. The New York Times prints a short piece on page A20 about a rare cancer affecting homosexual men. But after all, only forty-one men have been affected. Not enough to dampen the Fourth of July activities on New York's Fire Island and a group of gay friends.

Thus begins playwright Craig Lucas' first screenplay, "Longtime Companion" as it chronicles the onslaught of the virus that will later become known as AIDS. Lucas chronologically follows the disease one day for every year through 1989 as it progresses to full epidemic. Each day is separated by a blackout as the date is flashed on the scene. It is an interesting concept that unfortunately, becomes the downfall of the film.



Craig Lucas, screenwriter.

"Longtime Companion" revolves around seven gay men, a distinctive cross-section of characters, and one heterosexual woman, a life-long friend of one of the men. Though the men don't know each

other, their lives will eventually become interconnected.

If Lucas' and Rene's intentions are to draw in a straight audience, they have done them a great disservice. There is a rule of thumb in theatre, trust your audience. If a straight person takes the time to see this movie, the odds are he/she is intelligent enough to accept the humanness of the characters. All the characters have been sanitized to make them palatable to straight audience.

What we are presented with is a very whitewashed world. All the characters are clean-cut, none do drugs and all are seemingly content in stable relationships that last the span of the movie. Excuse me but I cannot identify with an upper middle-class person who is perfect. I want to see flaws, I want my fictional characters to have blemishes, I want, at least in a small way, to know they are a little bit like me.

Lucas and Rene have made a checklist of everything possible that can be presented about the disease and they do

in a neat, orderly fashion. There is the medical information, the misinformation presented by the media and the emotional gamut of the characters ranging from rejection, denial, fear, coping, anger, pain, patience to activism. It's



Sean (Mark Lamos).

all there and presented without sentimentality or sensationalism. And this too becomes a weakness.

We are given eight stories to follow and information on top of information. We are then never given enough time to become really emotionally involved in any one story. Instead, we are left with questions. Why do none of these characters have any family? There is not one mention of a mother or a sister or a favorite uncle. I can't believe that out of seven people every family member has ostracized them. Isn't it just as important to show the affect on the family and their relationship to the surviving companion?

I respect Craig Lucas and Norman Rene for their courage in bringing this issue on the big screen. They have told their story with compassion and a great deal of understanding. But they became too concerned with the disease itself and not enough with the humanity of the characters.

Anyone's death, whether we know that person or not, is a

sad, moving affair, especially if that person has died a long, slow, painful death. But the real cost in AIDS by the survivors. The ones who stand by and watch, who do everything in their power to ease the suffering a little, who feel guilty because no matter what they do, it can never be enough.

When someone loses the person he loves to a horrible death it just shouldn't matter what his sexual preference is. This is the human cost of the disease and should be the core of any movie about AIDS. It is also why the final screen of the movie is so effective. Three of the survivors stand on a now empty beach. "I want to be there when a cure is found," one states. "It will be like the end of World War Three," says another...It will be. *******

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New Look at the Buffalo

How many gay bars can you think of that have the following; a downtown location, with outdoor patio, pool table, dancing, full liquor bar, and food? Only the Buffalo Club. As bar owner Shirley Cooper puts it, they have "something for everybody".

The conversion of the Buffalo Club has taken place over the past 6 months, beginning with the inclusion of a dance floor, lighting, and sound system.

The music selections range from high-energy dance music to down and dirty Rock and Roll. D.J.'s Sue and Gina keep

the music spinning on Thursday Friday and Saturday nights with Sunday, Monday and Wednesday nights featuring "Open Mic". "Open Mic" is for the talented (or not so talented) men and women who can get up and try their hand at telling a joke, sing a song or what ever else comes

to mind. Bartender Linda Martinez says "there are some talented people out there that never get a chance to try their talents out, Open Mic gives them that chance".

The full liquor bar and food service are expected to be installed and open for business by the end of July, with final licencing commensurate with the completion and inspection of the new kitchen. The menu will be small, with a focus on burgers, appetizers and some full dinners.

Kate Skinner, bar manager of the club, said "a clean deco like look is replacing the dark dreary look" of the past. Renovations are nearly com-



The staff of the Buffalo Club take a break.

plete with the front bar the current target of the changes.

The renovation and improvements are all fine and good, but what about the safety of the men and women who patronize this bar? According to Ms. Cooper "lights are going up to improve safety" and the "policy of myself and all of the bartenders here is one in which we take care of our customers", she went on to say, "if someone is too drunk to drive we get them a cab and get them home cause we want them back again, and again."

The all female staff of the

Club was an "unintentional" accordance due to the fact that "We've had men working here, but they just move on" according to Cooper and staff, but doesn't that affect the acceptance of men at this bar? "No," said Cooper, "we are very glad that we have such a good mix of people here, gay men, lesbians, and even some straights too."

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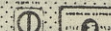
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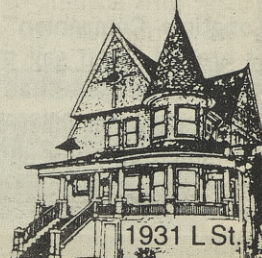
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P.A.A.R.C. Gives "Times" to Remember



The Rhythm Rascals and the cast of the P.A.A.R.C. show.

by Andy Melton

The Performing Artist for AIDS Related Charities (P.A.A.R.C.), held their third annual benefit variety show called "Times" on June 9 to raise funds for local AIDS charities. Each of the acts carried the theme through decades past, present and future.

The first act of the P.A.A.R.C. benefit, was entitled "I Remember When," which began with a rendition of *Cabaret* performed by James Croghan, with the entire cast eventually joining in and performing a medley of tunes from the 20's, 30's and 40's. Joel Ferreira performed *Anything Goes*, with an excellent performance by The Rhythm Rascals, a dance group consisting of Daisy Bahr, Fran Bogetich, Ruth Fraccòla, Carolyn Lapachet and Shirl Whaley. These ladies were crowd pleasers, with their lively steps and winning smiles.

Kirk Derby gave an enthusiastic performance of *Rock Around the Clock*. Derby used the entire stage to Rock and Roll, with moves inspired by Elvis Presley. The Elvis feel continued as Chuck Levine followed with his rendition of *Love Me Tender*. This was a performance which was accentuated by a lively group of teenage girls fawning over him as he performed, giving the appearance of a nightclub in 1955.

Opal Gardener followed with a commercial break in which

she explained how tiresome it can be, being the modern woman of the fifties. Gardener then thanked Swanson for inventing the most important modern convenience - frozen foods.

James Croghan followed with a very touching rendition of *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes*, followed by a medley of popular Beatles tunes performed in front of a wall, complete with peace signs and popular

slogans such as Make Love Not War, and Flower Power spray painted on it. The costumes were very reminiscent of the late sixties in this very impressive number performed by Joel Ferreira, Guy Madison, Chuck Levine, Joe Hall and Kirk Derby.

The P.A.A.R.C. cloggers followed with breathtaking footwork to *Moonshine*. The cloggers consisted of Sonya Cox, David Granger, Dale Petros, Jim Stubbs and Scott Vorhees.

The second act ended with Open Road, Tracy R. McBroom, and the cast singing *Light At The End Of The Darkness*, a song about how sometimes you have to hit bottom before you look up and see the light.

Entitled "Somewhere In Time - The Future?," Act three opened to a clock backdrop



Singers give it their all for AIDS charities.

with decades marking quarter hours. While members of the cast were posing in white clothing, glowing as the result of a black light, Regina M. Neal and Joel Ferreira gave a touching rendition of *Somewhere*.

Next Akili Jaye gave an interpretative reading of a poem entitled "The Future."


Ricky Rae then read another poem asking why our voices are not heard. The poem ended with the simple statement that peace is the answer.

Lee Scarborough, Maggi Taylor, James Croghan, and Denise Thompson joined hands one by one to sing *Just One Person*, a song about how it only takes one person to believe to build strength.

The cast soon joined on stage and sang *United We Stand*.

The audience was requested

to remain seated for special closing remarks in which Ricky Rae was presented with a plaque to honor his devotion in being in each benefit performance despite illness.

Each of the members of the P.A.A.R.C. cast deserve to be acknowledged not only for this night of great entertainment but also for their contribution in the fight against AIDS. 

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Nelson, a white supremacist group based at Hayden Lake, Idaho, were plotting to blow up various establishments in Seattle," the statement read.

"Through the use of lawful electronic surveillance methods", agents were able to monitor and record several conversations between Winslow and Nelson. On April 8, 1990, agents overheard Winslow and Nelson describing their plans to manufacture a bomb and destroy a Gay bar in Seattle.

According to the agents, on April 14, 1990, Winslow was followed as he drove to a mountainous area outside of Hayden Lake and was observed detonating a bomb, which was a suspected trial run of the planned bombing. Agents on surveillance were able to photograph the detonation. According to the agents, the bomb was a pipe bomb filled with a smokeless powder.

Three days later the FBI learned the exact target of the terrorist attack. On April 17, 1990, FBI agents intercepted and recorded another conversation where Nelson advised another individual that the gay

bar in Seattle was called Neighbours.

On April 20, FBI agents intercepted another conversation in which Winslow described strategic details of the planned bombing. Winslow stated that he and Nelson were going to place explosive charges inside the bar. They would then telephone the bar, warn them that a bomb would go off in three minutes, and then detonate the charges as the patrons attempted to flee. According to Winslow, the patrons would enter the "kill zone" at the time of detonation.

In a conversation, taped on April 29, Winslow stated that "he was confident that the explosion would result in a high body count."

The planned terrorist activities were designed to draw attention to the Aryan Nation and "get the [white-supremist] movement clicking" according to the FBI.

On May 12 FBI agents followed Winslow and Nelson as they drove from the Aryan Nation compound in Idaho toward Seattle. Once in Seattle, Winslow went into a hardware store in Federal Way and purchased a six inch section of galvanized steel pipe with two end caps. Agents on surveillance then followed (the two men) to a gun shop in Federal Way where Nelson purchased one pound of smokeless powder.

"Because these components were identical to the bomb that exploded in Idaho, federal agents moved in and placed Winslow and Nelson under arrest. Agents recovered the pipe, the end caps, the

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smokeless powder, two yards of cannon fuse, a propane tank, matches, and an electric stun gun, from their vehicle.

On Monday, May 14, in the United States District Court of

Seattle before federal magistrate John Weinberg, Winslow and Nelson were charged with one count of conspiracy to blow up a building and three counts of illegal possession of firearms and unassembled bombs.

The third defendant, Proctor Baker, was charged in U.S. District Court in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with one count of possessing two pipe bombs.

Nelson, one of the conspirators arrested in Seattle, was a speaker at the Skinhead conference, which was held in honor of Adolph Hitler's birthday.

HATE CRIMES

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offense or unlawful act that is motivated by the victims race, ethnicity, sex, religion or sexual orientation.

Protecting yourself is the most prudent method of avoiding violent attacks. Unless you know self-defense carry a whistle to attract attention to your situation.

Short of that, be street smart. Awareness is your best self-defense. Don't walk alone, especially if you are upset or intoxicated. Harassment is often a prelude to an assault. If you decide to answer back, do so from a safe distance and be prepared to run or fight. If an officer responds at this time, make sure that he/she files an incident report. In most cases, you must file within 24 hours to qualify for

victim's compensation. Make sure the police note that the assault was bias induced.

On the federal level, a national hate crimes "hotline" was set up to collect information on crimes of bias after President Bush signed the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Gay and lesbian activists were stunned to discover, upon calling the hotline, that operators would not take information on anti-gay and lesbian hate crimes. However, following intense pressure from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and other members of the hate crimes coalition, the Department of Justice agreed to add sexual orientation to the hate crimes hotline and track such incidents on the reports. The number of the National Hate Crimes Hotline is 1-800-347-HATE.

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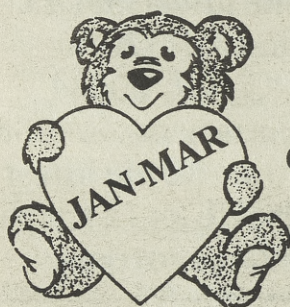
budget is currently facing a \$6 million deficit.

Even so, supporters of the project clearly considered it a major victory in the battle to combat anti-gay violence and harassment.

Opponents, who claim the program is a waste of money and a "recruitment technique by homosexuals," were disgruntled with the school board's action and immediately said they would take the issue to a public vote. Olivia Spooner, who spoke in opposi-

tion to the program, said after the meeting, "I think it's an issue the public should decide and not just a few people."

But despite opponent's anger with the outcome, the only legal challenge that could be mounted would be a suit charging specific violations of the law, a ballot initiative explicitly barring the program, or a recall move against all the school board members. Activists say the ballot initiative process would probably be the most form of a challenge to the program if in fact any materializes.



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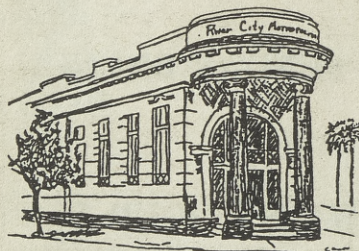
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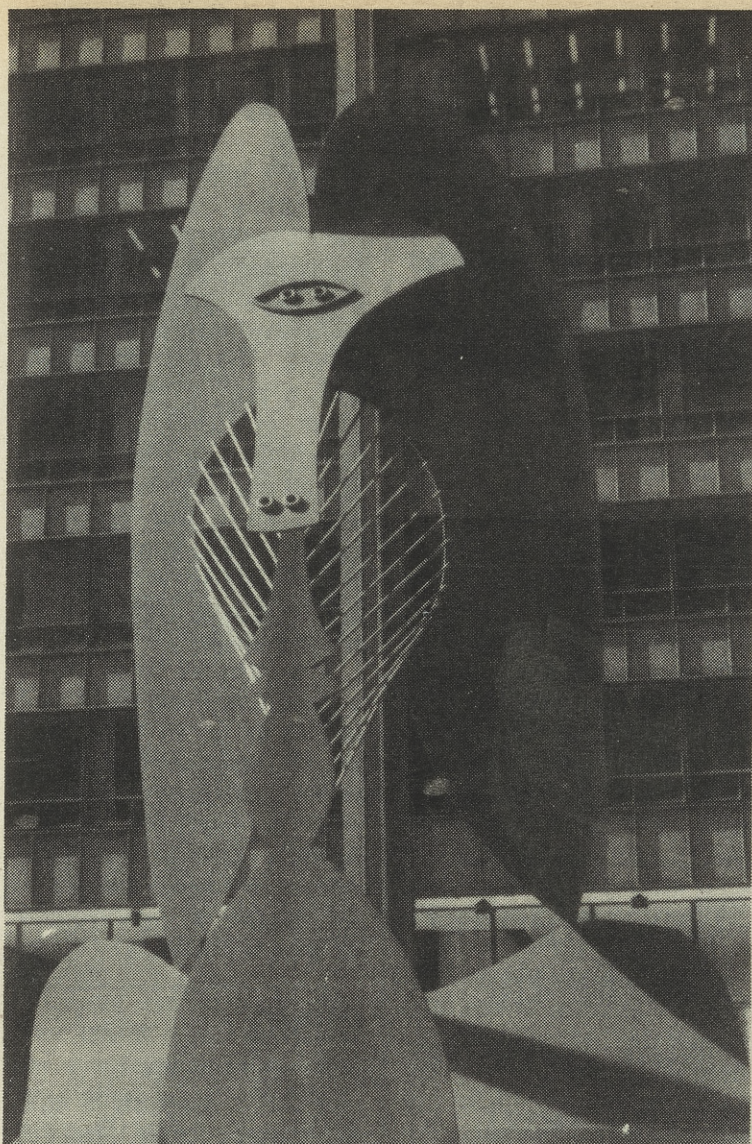
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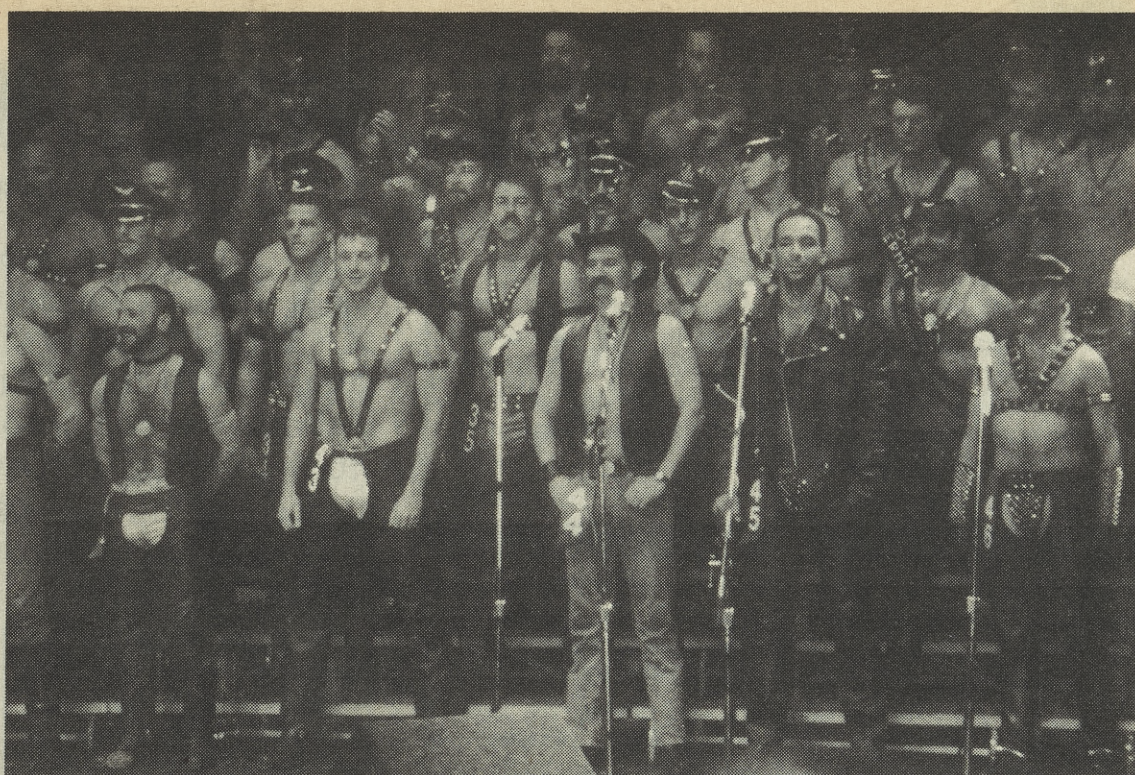
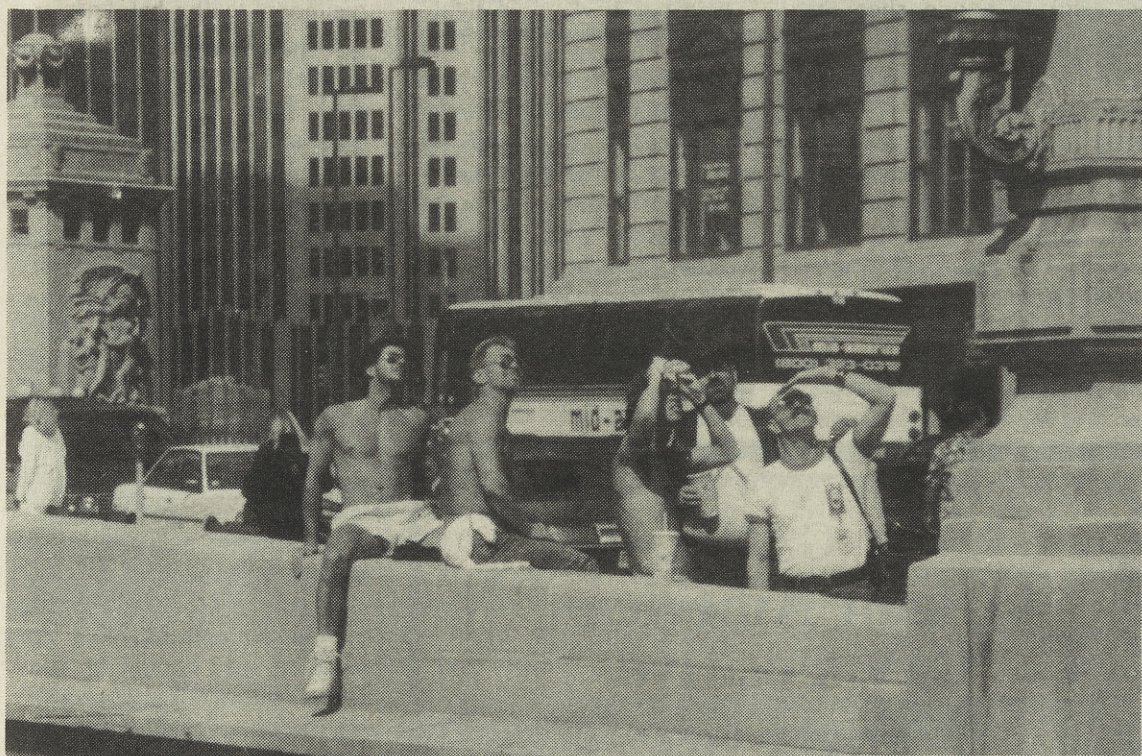
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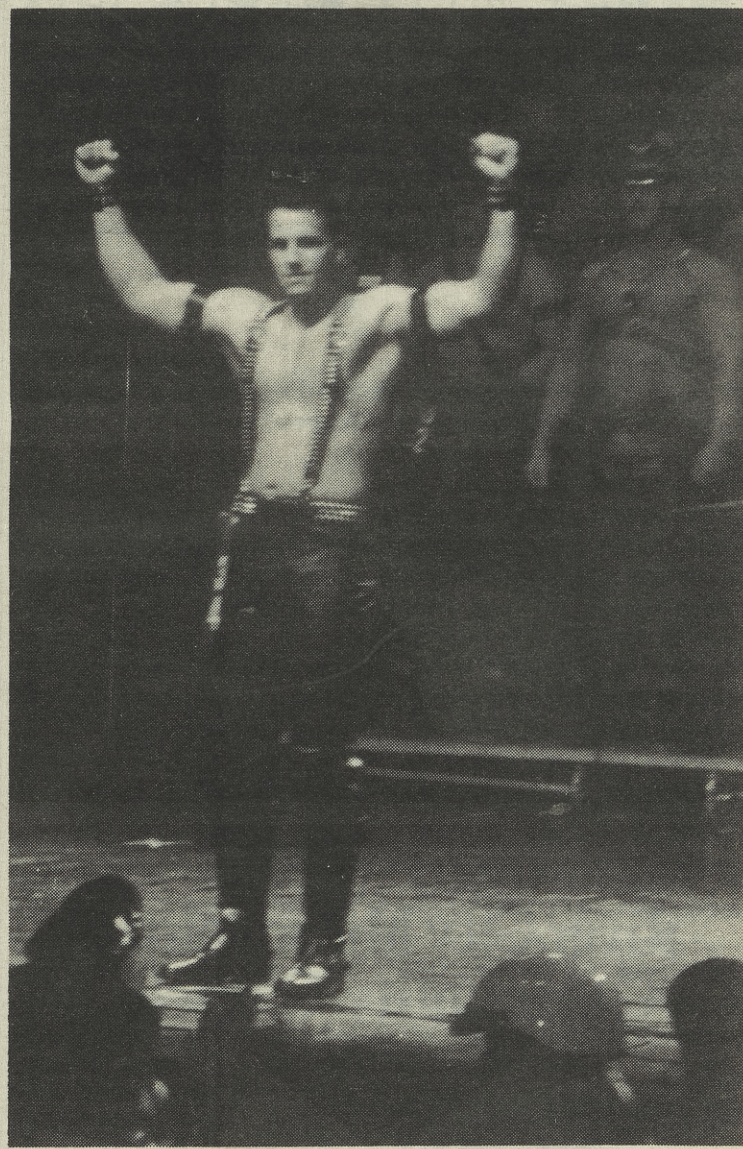


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Leathermen

Over Memorial Day Weekend the International Mr. Leather contest was held in Chicago with a record 48 contestants, most were from the United States, with a few from Italy, Canada and East Germany. The final judging was held Sunday in the Old Vic Theater to a sold out crowd of 2,000. The winner was Mark Ryan of Boston. ⚡

Above, the 48 contestants wait for the winner to be announced. Below, Mark Ryan is chosen International Mr. Leather 1990.



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Report Out on Gay Couples

by Nancy Butchy

As gays and lesbians we've all felt the bite of the closet. We are aware of the threat of violence, and are too familiar with the feeling of discrimination. According to an exhaustive legal study compiled by David Link, "the justice system upholds laws on a daily basis that discriminate against gays and lesbians".

David Link of the Los Angeles Loyola Marymount Law School offers an in-depth legal perspective regarding same-sex marriage, and legal equality. This report, *The Tie that Binds: Recognizing Privacy and the Family Commitments of Same-Sex Couples*, will give the gay and lesbian community an understanding of how our legal system perpetuates that we're "different" and unacceptable.

The national justice system in the United States views gay men and lesbian women as merely sexual creatures, that same sex couples cannot pledge loyalty, trust, and commitment to each other enough to share a lifetime commitment. Per David Link, "The law hasn't accounted for these relationships. This is going to be the major issue in the next decade regarding gay rights that will overshadow all other issues."

The U.S. government prohibits gay and lesbian marriage. The California law stated that marriage was a contract between two people, yet in 1977-78, they changed

the law to state marriage is legal only between a man and woman. There has been one case in California challenging the changed statute, but the judge failed to address the issue.

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Mr. Link feels that there will be a "bottom up change". "The people (gays and lesbians) are living their lives as normal, and those that come into contact with them will see that there is nothing to be afraid of, and will come to accept gays and lesbians. It's hard to be prejudiced with someone you're looking face-to-face with".

Other minorities throughout history have shown us that if we as a group fail to bond and organize together, the forces against us will be too overwhelming to muster against. "We live in a democracy where 50 % wins, the whole of lesbians and gays form only 10%. We cannot win on our own, but if we let others know who and what we are, by setting a good example for others, we will add numbers for us, not against us" said Link.

The study by David Link is in legal form, and not a book to pick up for an "easy" read, but the information contained within will give any person who is interested in gay rights, a solid base of information to inspire activism in the pursuit of legal equality for gays and lesbians.

COBRA

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sons with a diagnosis of AIDS and covered under Medi-Cal, automatically qualify for the HIPP Program).

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7) Insurance policy does not exclude treatment of AIDS as covered benefit.

After submitting your application, you should be contacted within 15 days regarding your eligibility for the programs. For further information on the HIPP program, contact your State Medi-Cal office eligibility worker or call 1-(800) 952-5294. For more information about COBRA, call (415) 744-6700.

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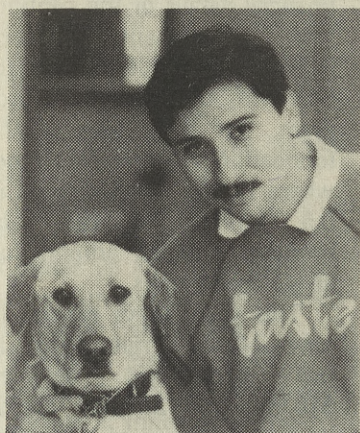


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RUMOR HAS IT



by Dan Palomino

Well greetings to all you survivors of the May monsoon season it seems we had 600 percent of normal rainfall and yet no one daared to call Mother Nature any names starting with the letter B.

Braving the elements the latest **ISSUE** hosted their first year anniversary party. The large crowd was treated to a lavish BBQ with tunes provided by **Jammin Jo**. My personal fan club also showed.

Another 1 year anniversary salute to the **Gifted Gardener** on J and 22nd St. According to their motto, this store, crammed to the ceiling with goodies, "caters to those who enjoy being on their knees."



Dave Kwong and Chuk Lowry.

And speaking of which, you could almost hear members of the SMC humming 'Summer-time and the Living's Sleazy' as they toasted B-Day Boy **Mike Tentis** and quickly turning what I thought would be a social triumph for Michael into a passion pit of pulchritudinous pleasure--and how's that for an alliterative phase?

Across town on this Memorial Day weekend, the rain stopped long enough for the **Sacramento Leather Association** to enjoy at least one day of sun-

bathing on their fun two-day party. Wonderfully hosted by **Mike and Randy, Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy 1990**, the food and fun was great and the guests well behaved yet uninhibited. I hope I'm invited back!

JUNE JOURNAL ENTRY: Dear Journal: with all the May festivities I just had to get out of town for a little peace and quiet away from the prying eyes of those who report my every move to the 'other columnist' **Hedda Hopper (John Batchelor)**. So I packed my bags-leather skirt included, and flew down to San Diego for R & R. While scanning my San Diego itinerary from the comfort of the United Airlines seat, I turned to my right and to my horror spotted **Hedda** sitting several seats away! She was finishing her fifth martini and that was before the plane had left the ground yet! Well, this town isn't big enough for the both of us - much less the cabin of a 727 but I tried to make the best of it and offered her a sixth martini with a hemlock chaser. **Hedda** took a raincheck saying she'd need it later (you see, this was the first time she didn't have to fly baggage class).

When snack time was announced, I salivated at the thought of the usual caviar, brie and melba toast I was accustomed to. But lo and behold, the crew brought out a wicker tray filled with junk food which was perused and then passed over one's head to the person behind you. I saw a very excited (and famished) **Hedda** lunge for the food basket and in her tipsiness spill its entire contents on top of the passenger in front of her! I swear on my Mom's rosary beads its true!

I must confess to a wonderful time in San Diego punctuated with humorous incidents such as watching **John Batchelor** navigate a tortuous path down a cliff to Black's Beach (a nude beach) in sunhat, parasol and 3" spike heels "to dig in for a better foothold" he claimed.

BACK TO REALITY: I just got back in town to celebrate **Cliff Hagle's 2' x 30 B-Day** party hosted by Sacramento Tupperware Queens and 20+ yrs partner **Bonnie Bonell** and **Betty Welch**. "Why buy Lalique when you can have Plastique" must be their creed. And Many happy returns **Cliff**.



Nurk Franklin.

Belated Happy June 3rd B-Day to **Nurk Franklin** who was in glittering form (to say the least) at **SAF's** reception celebrating their newest publication, **A to Z: A Self Help Manual**, held at the **Himovitz Gallery**. Also congrats to **Kevin Cohee** who recently graduated from UCD Extension and is now a certified graphic designer. His stick figures are much better developed now.

A 21 gun salute to outgoing Chorus member **Frank Lawler**. Such dedication, drive, and energy - and at his age too!

Kudos also to **Chris McHale**

who is one of the hardest working community contributors I know. A lot of people appreciate his special efforts.

A special effort is what it took to make the **CAPPAC** fundraiser a rousing success featuring Keynote Speaker **Bella Abzug** and dining and dancing. Hats off to **Bella**! May she start a fire everywhere she goes and thanks to all who came out to this event.

POLITICAL BED FELLOWS: Speaking of coming out, will the real **Mrs. Pete Wilson** please stand up? How come we never see Pete's wife stumping the trail? Speaking of wives, Rumor has it **State Sen. Garamendi's** wife wants to run for her husband's seat if he is elected insurance czar. Maybe she'd win the hairdresser voting block if she would do something about that frightful wig she's wearing.



Large Marge's hair is the envy of Marilyn Quayle.

More rumors circulate that she and **Marilyn Quayle** share the same dog groomer - wuf, wuf.

Speaking of which, a word of comfort to **Russ M.** and his newly permed "hairdon't." Dear **Russ**, so the stylist mistook you for a poodle and you walked away with the 'permed pooch' look. Relax, it'll grow and straighten out --eventually.

For your discriminating pets, you can care for your pet's needs at **Princess Pets** on 20th and I streets. Along with food and grooming needs, they also sell birds and fishes.

GOV'T WATCHDOG: I dropped by **Sen. Roberti's** office's to watch my tax dollars in action and ran into Aide **Ken**

Topper's new beau, **Jeff**, who somehow thought that meeting me was license enough to dish me to my sensitive face. I'm still convinced that **Jeff**, who shares the last name with **Mrs. Fowler** of "The Women" and which rhymes with 'prowler' is still a very nice man. Rumor has it that he was wearing **Ken's** favorite perfume, "In Heat" when they met. Judging by the pictures of hot calendar boys lining **Ken's** office, I'm not surprised.

WHAT'S IN A NAME: Overheard someone talking about the Sacto's Court System and got confused with names and called poor **Large Marge** 'Large Barge'. Yes, but can she float? Speaking of delicate women such as **Marge, Stacy Selmants** wanted to run futuristic latest **ISSUE** headlines for our Freedom Fair booth that screamed "TASTEFUL DRAG QUEEN DISCOVERED."

Didn't you have a wonderful time at the Freedom Fair! I must admit our booth was frightfully clever and the most original in keeping with the Looking Towards the Future theme. The turnout was great and the entertainment varied. **Robin Tyler's** comedy routine took us all by surprise. All the hardworking organizers can take a bow. And a special acknowledgements to all those groups who raised funds for charities and against AIDS.

And while on the subject, I urge everyone to see 'Longtime Companion', in its exclusive engagement at the **Tower Theater**.

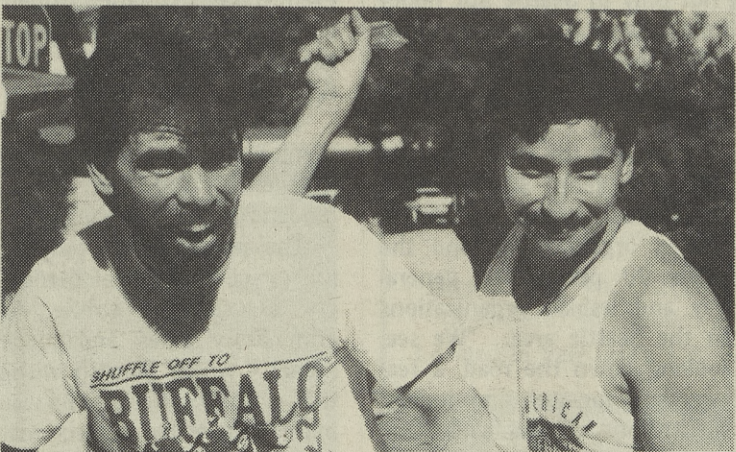
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John (Hedda) and Dan (Louella) having fun.

CHARGE IT

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run through the credit checking routines of the bank overseeing the program. The bank then pays a small fixed percent of the monthly charges on the organization's credit-card accounts back to the group. There is no added cost

to the credit card members.

Although other gay and lesbian organizations around the country have tried without luck in the past to convince banks to operate special affinity group charge-card programs, financial institutions have been reluctant to set up such accounts, largely out of fears of an anti-gay backlash.

The now-defunct gay Atlas Savings and Loan Association in San Francisco, for example, issued Master Card and Visa accounts to its customers, but none of those credit card accounts were for gay and lesbian organizations.

Pride Foundation's board president Jim Toevs said his organization would be starting massive mailings and promotions of credit card program during Gay Pride Week later this month. Using mailing lists from the Irvington, N.Y.-based Strub Dawson, the country's only gay direct-mail organization, the Pride Foundation will start its mailings June 18. Later this year the organization will be making a special at Gay Games III in Vancouver and the foundation is also available to make presentations to groups about their credit card program.

The turquoise credit card will have "The Pride Foundation" printed on them along with the foundations logo, the bank name and the Master Card or Visa identification. Toevs said, "The Pride Foundation color is turquoise and we wanted to have something that a person didn't necessarily have to be out of the closet to use.

Because each financial institution administers its own credit card accounts, people who currently have a Master Card or Visa account cannot simply transfer their accounts to the Pride Foundation affinity card program. But, Toevs explained, anyone with one of those credit cards in good standing can apply through the foundation for a new account.

If the program is successful on a national level, the Pride Foundation also intends to expand its funding beyond the Seattle area to reflect the national scope. "We're a kind of gay United Way," Toevs said. "Our whole function is to empower the other 501(c)3 gay and lesbian organizations - not only in Seattle but hopefully now as the card gets into effect throughout the country just like any other foundation would.

Currently the Pride Foundation gives about 30 percent of its annual grants to AIDS-related organizations and the other 70 percent to general gay and lesbian organizations in the Seattle area. "We see, looking down the road, a real necessity for gay and lesbian institutions," Toevs said, "and so we support things like the Seattle Women's Ensemble,

"Our whole function is to empower other gay and lesbian organizations"

the Seattle Men's Chorus, the Alice B. Gay and Lesbian Theater, the Gay and Lesbian Youth Association, and a lot of other type of groups across the spectrum."

Toevs, 48, recently retired early as vice president at Seafirst Bank, which is a subsidiary of the San Francisco-based BankAmerica Corp., and has been president of the Pride Foundation board of directors for over a year. It was his banking savvy and inside contacts at Seafirst that were largely responsible for

pulling the credit card program off, although Toevs said the bank saw "the business advantages of [the program] almost from the beginning."

Toevs refused to discuss the financial details of the contractual arrangements between Seafirst and Pride in connection with the credit card program, but it is believed the foundation will receive somewhere in the neighborhood of 0.5 percent of the total monthly charged amount on all its credit cards.

This year, Toevs expects to have 10,000 Pride Cards in use generating between \$10,000 and \$20,000 during its first full year of operation. Within the next year, Toevs said, the foundation hopes to be able to get up to 100,000 Pride Cards in circulation with a projected income of a quarter-million dollars by 1995.

To request an application for a Pride Card, write to: The Pride Foundation, 1535 11th Avenue, Suite 202, Seattle WA 98122.

SURVIVAL

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"Project Survival" is an organization operated under the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Sacramento which focuses on education within the African American and other communities of color. They address the behavioral issues which place people at risk for HIV infection, ARC, and AIDS. The goal is to provide AIDS education and prevention services in a manner that acknowledges cultural and Social-economic diversity.

The prevalence of poverty in the African American Community is precursor to drug abuse, prostitution and teenage pregnancy which contributes either directly or indirectly to the spread the AIDS virus.

On May 26, W.C.I.C. presented the Sacramento Film Premiere of "Tongues Untied", by Marlon Riggs - (an unprecedented exploration of Black Gay Life).

The film confronted the silent pain, the Grin-and-Bear-it silence, and the suicidal tendencies the "tongue tied."

The movie had a purposeful, direct collision of derogatory associations, subtle discriminatory jokes and judgments - which flourish within this country. Yet, there were more deep-seated subject matters harangued in this film of Mr. Riggs'.

The presence of the guest speaker, Mr. Cleo Manago, AIDS activist and founder of the Black Men's Exchange; Mrs. Calie I. Carney, Executive Director of the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Sacramento, Inc. and other staff members placed a "Charlotte's Web" consciousness and necessity over each and everyone who was present.

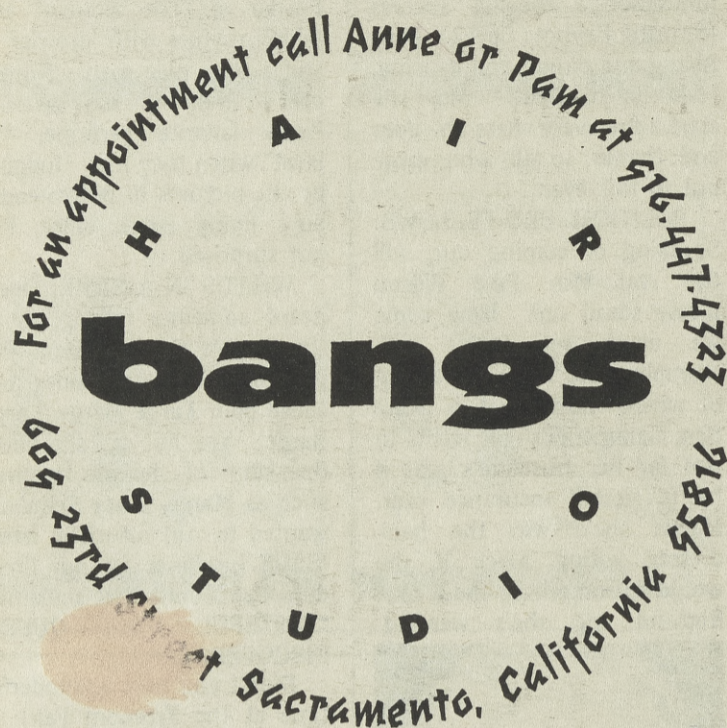
As the film progressed, individuals began to make a self-examination of themselves, through realization and questioning. The web began to have a new meaning.

The music was familiar, with songs by Roberta Flack, Billie Holiday, and Nina Simone, brought to the surface a silent ambience that we are PROUD, BLACK, GAY MEN!

Some of the services provided by W.C.I.C. include;

1. Project Survival Coordinates activities for the Ministerial Alliance Against AIDS (MAAA).
2. Black Community Task Force on AIDS (BCTFA).
3. Residential LIFE LINE Groups (Oak Park and Del Paso Heights).
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- Chapter 10:** Glossary

The Manual was made possible by a grant from The Sierra Foundation and was introduced at a book preview and art auction May 31st at the Michael Himovitz Art Gallery. During this well-attended and successful event, the art work contained in the Manual was auctioned and, along with book sales and donations, netted approximately \$16,000 - all of which will go directly to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Client Services Department.

This unique concept of fundraising is a first: it is sure to become a model for other local communities who are continually seeking much-needed funds - when other sources seem to be diminishing. The book is available to individuals, Community Based Organization's, and governmental agencies for \$12 per copy, or, \$11 for over 100 copies. The cost for profit making agencies is \$14.50 individually and \$13 each for over 100 copies. For those who cannot afford the cost of the manual, the manual is available at the SAF office for an individual donation, or, at no cost to those who cannot afford anything: the publication will be accessible to anyone who cannot afford it, for this manual was written to help those local people who are most in need.

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POLICE

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demonstrations are planned.

Some 2,000 to 4,000 journalists from around the world are expected to be in the City to cover the conference, and officials are increasingly concerned about the prospect of violence erupting. Earlier this year ACT UP founder Larry Kramer called for a "massive disruption" of the conference, saying, "We must riot in San Francisco!" And although Kramer later toned down his statement, last week the New York AIDS activist again raised a red flag, saying, "There's an honorable tradition of terrorism when your life is at stake."

While police officials here say they want to prevent any confrontations from happening, notably absent from the police-community meeting with police chief Jordan and Mayor Agnos were representatives of ACT UP, one of the primary groups expected to organize some of the most visible and volatile demonstrations at the conference.

Although police officials have taken this unprecedented step in attempting to politically sensitize its officers to the issues behind the conference, it remains clear that the police department has no intention of backing off from doing what it sees as its duty. "Demonstrators have to recognize that we will enforce the law," said police spokesman Sgt. Jerry Senkir. "In voicing their opinions they cannot interfere with other people's rights to cross the street and go about their business."



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The parade and celebration is the largest annual lesbian /gay event in the world. This year, the parade route will begin at Spear and Market Streets and will move west to 8th Street and into San Francisco's Civic Center.

The Civic Center celebration will be presented on four stages with dancing under an 8,000 square foot dance tent.

The keynote speaker for this year's activities is Eric Rofes, the Executive Director of the Shanti Project.

Throughout the Civic Center there will be hundreds of booths providing information from the lesbian/gay community and other communities form across the city.

A few of the other events surrounding the week of pride in San Francisco are; June 15 through June 24, the 14th

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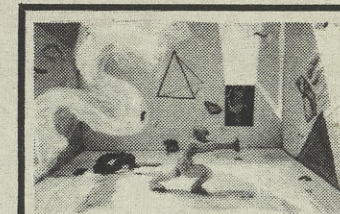
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10:45

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1:00

Laurence E. Badgley, M.D.
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1:45

Gerard Laumond, M.D. (France)
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3:45

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